

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Lowe resigns from city manager's post

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe unexpectedly resigned from his position on Monday.

The Grayling City Council, by a 3-to-2 vote, accepted Lowe's resignation, which went into affect at 10 p.m. on Monday, June 26.

City Council Members Kim Millikin, Tom Wellman and Roger Moshier voted in favor of accepting the resignation. Mayor Larry Akers and council member Kim McClain voted against the motion to accept the resignation.

The motion for Lowe's resignation was added to the new business portion of the city council's agenda Monday. Lowe left the meeting after the vote was taken.

Lowe, at his home on Tuesday, said he was encouraged to step down from his post.

"Some council members wanted me to resign, and it's time to move on," said Lowe, who added that he did not have any immediate plans.

Lowe was hired as the Grayling City Manager in January, 2000. He replaced Jerry

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Vintage warbirds bring back memories

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Yankee Air Force's display of vintage military aircraft last weekend provided a trip down memory lane for two Grayling residents.

Harvey Rowland flew 35 missions over Europe, starting on D-Day, as part of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Ann Hamlin was Grayling's version of Rosie the Riveter, building Grumman TBM Avengers and Grumman F4F Wildcats in a plant in Baltimore.

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Photos by Dan Sanderson

Harvey Rowland, left, flew 35 missions in Europe during World War II. Above, Ann Hamlin worked at the Eastern Aircraft plant in Baltimore during World War II. Hamlin is pictured above with her son, Dean Smith, granddaughter, Elle Smith, and Dave Tinker, the owner of the TBM Avenger which is part of the Yankee Air Force's fleet of planes.

Eagles Club spreads coney fever to local lunches

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A coney dog is a simple thing. Yet somehow, just the right mix of a bun, a hot dog, chili sauce and condiments is enough to get some people excited.

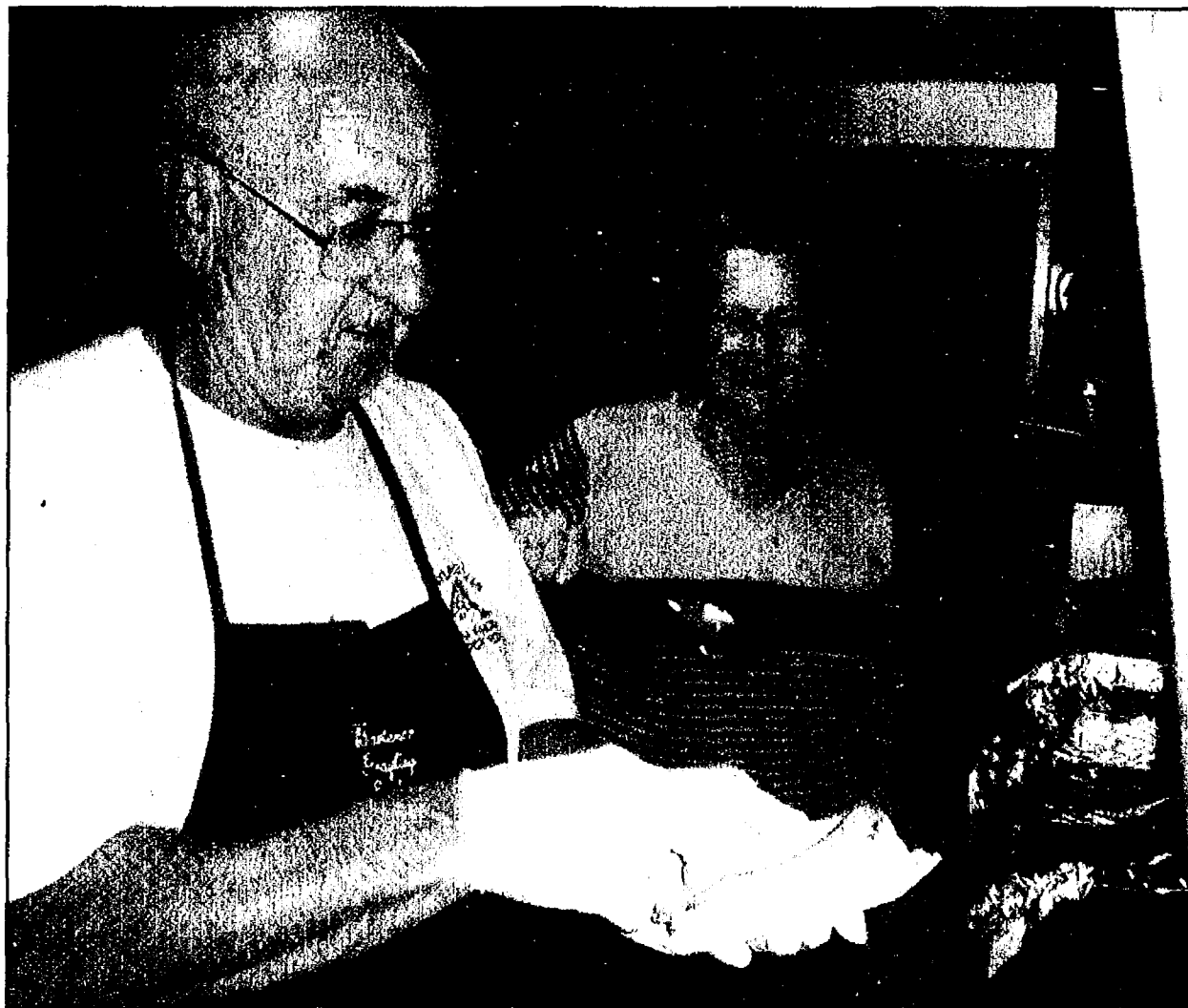
Just ask the volunteers at the Eagles Club, who have been making coney dogs for over a dozen years. Every Tuesday, they sell coney dogs for one dollar a dog, available for pickup at the Eagles building on M-72 East.

"We do it for an attraction to get people to come in during the day," said Doug McMurtrie, former Eagles Club president and regular coney dog making volunteer.

If attracting the community is the goal, then the Eagles Club is having nothing but success. They regularly take large orders from organizations and businesses such as Mercy Hospital, Weyerhaeuser and even the city.

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Eagles Club volunteers Doug McMurtrie (foreground) and Carlene Englund prepare a coney dog. McMurtrie said business in the Eagles kitchen is "pretty steady" on Tuesdays.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club & Grayling Area Local Businesses
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Van collides with county transit bus

A Grayling woman escaped a head on crash with only minor injuries last week when she fell asleep at the wheel and collided with a Crawford County Transportation Authority bus.

Crawford County Deputies were dispatched to the accident

which occurred on East M-72 near Stephan Bridge Road in Grayling Township at 6:34 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20.

Upon arrival, police learned that a mini-van driven by Darlene Benstead had collided with a Crawford County

Transportation Authority bus driven by Janelle Cousins. Deputies said that Benstead fell asleep and crossed the center line, striking the bus.

There were five passengers on the bus when the accident occurred. One passenger was

transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where he was treated and released. Benstead was also treated and released at the hospital.

Mobile Medical Response EMTs assisted deputies at the scene.



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District offices relocated to Grayling High School

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The move for the administrative offices for the Crawford AuSable School District is expected to be completed this week.

The administrative offices are being relocated from the "white house," located on Michigan Avenue next to Citizens Bank, to offices located at the Grayling High School. Technicians also transferred the phone system, which has been down last week, so that calls

come into the high school.

District staff started hauling filing cabinets, furniture and equipment on a school bus last Tuesday. The offices for Crawford AuSable School Superintendent Joe Powers and Business Manager Mike Dunckel were expected to be moved by this week.

District officials decided to sell the white house as part of a number of budget cuts that were announced in February.

The district's enrollment, which was at 1,979 students in the fall of 2005, is projected to

go as low as 1,919 students for the 2006-07 school year. The drop means the district will not receive \$500,000 from the state. The district has not received \$3.3 million from the state over the last four years due to the drop in student numbers.

Dunckel said that offices for the district's food services and special education were moved to the Grayling Elementary School in recent years. He added that officials have been studying where administrative offices could be relocated based

on the student numbers and needed classrooms.

"We're saving money by not having to pay to operate this building and that money can go directly toward the programs and supplies for the students," Dunckel said. "There is room at the high school, and if there is room for us there: Why should we be paying to run this building?"

Powers said there has been a great deal of interest in the white house, but no firm offers are currently being entertained by district officials.

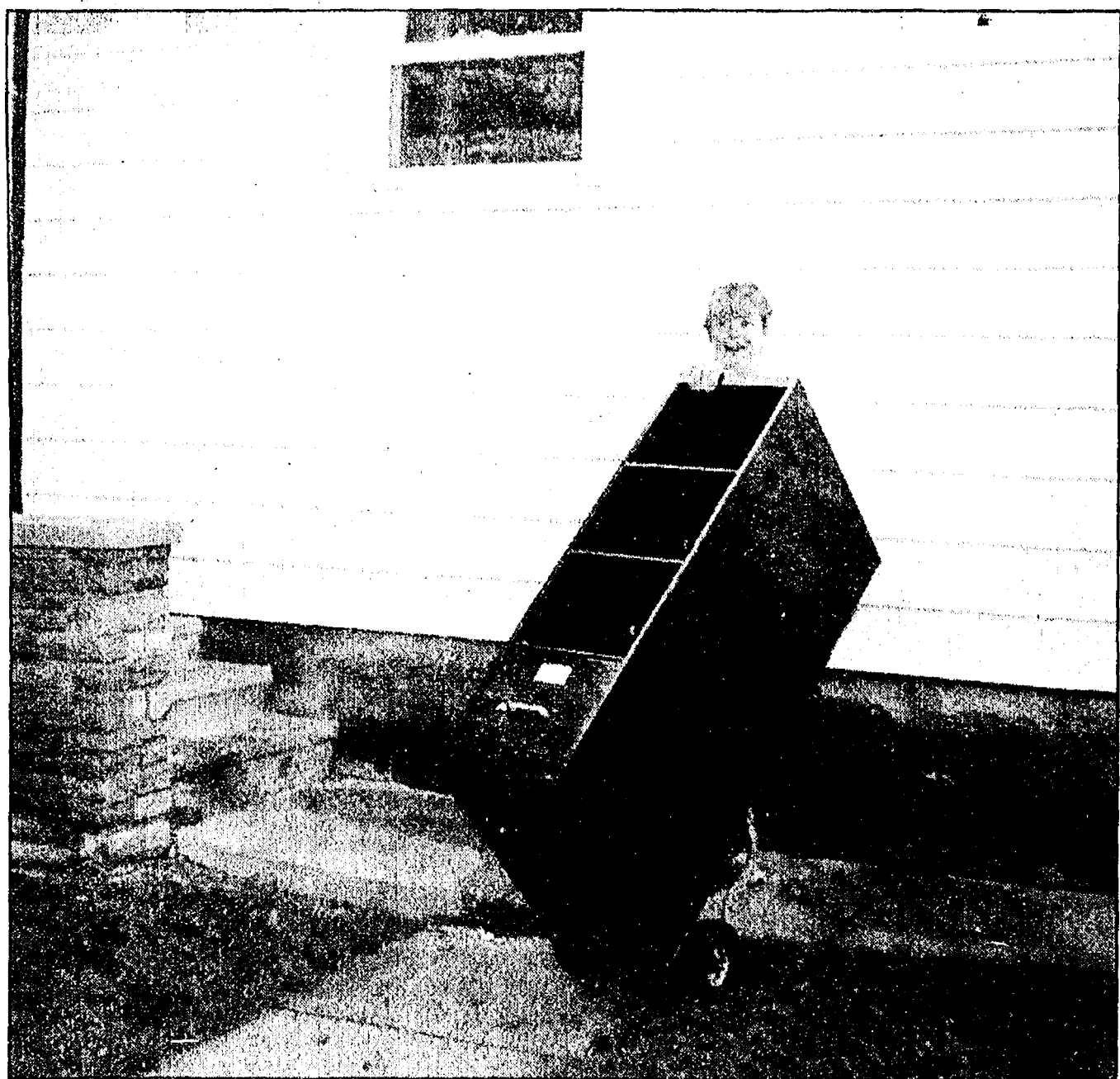


Photo by Dan Sanderson
 Linda Randle, a bus driver for the Crawford AuSable School District, rolls a filing cabinet on a dolly as staff, last week, relocated the equipment and furniture from the district's "white house" to the Grayling High School.

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Bid for school project approved

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School officials are taking steps to curb the heating bill at the Grayling Elementary School.

The Crawford AuSable School Board, last week, approved a \$11,500 bid from AuSable Construction for a building renovation project which will take place at the elementary school.

The windows and walls in the courtyard, located in the fifth grade wing at the Grayling Elementary School, will be upgraded this summer.

The project is the last portion of the school building, which lines the court yard, that needs to be upgraded.

"It's for energy efficiency as well as for the comfort of the students, because you can actually feel the cold air when the wind blows during the winter," said Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers.

The inch and a half wall panels will be replaced with eight inch cement blocks which will be insulated. The single-pane glass windows will be replaced with double-pane glass windows.

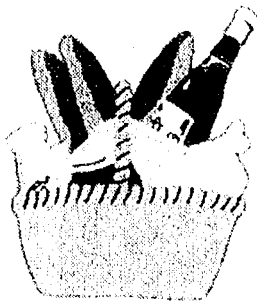
"That's just the way they used to do it and it just wasn't energy efficient," said Bill Weaver, owner of AuSable Construction.

Funds for the project come out of a school board's maintenance account.



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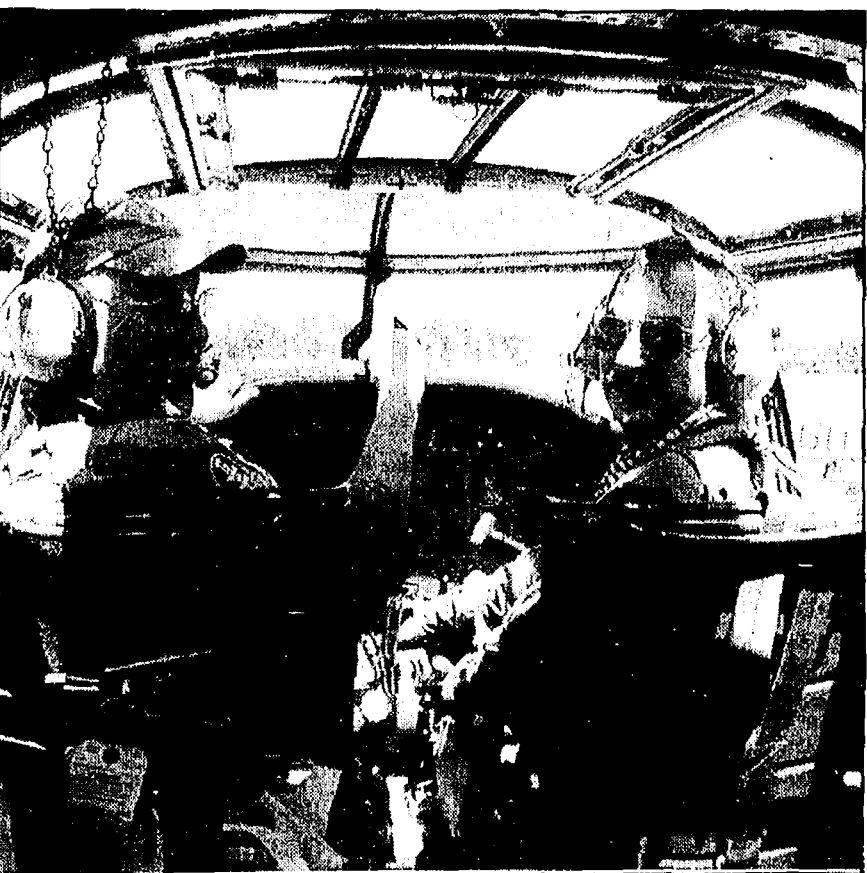


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Yankee Air Force Flying Feats



Photos by Dan Sanderson

About 1,000 people attended the Yankee Air Force's Air Show held at the Grayling Army Airfield on Friday and Saturday. The event was held in conjunction with the AuSable Adventure Rally, a motorcycle rally organized to raise funds for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund. Above left Travis Vandecasteele, 9, of Grayling, sits at the controls of a Chinook helicopter, which is seen above right, taking off for the trip back to the Michigan Air National Guard's base in Selfridge. Middle left, Madison Sprtel, 6, and Liam Sprtel, 4, of Roscommon, sit in the back of the Chinook helicopter, which is capable of transporting 33 troops plus the helicopter's crew. Middle right, Luke Dunham, 15, of Flat Rock, takes a look inside the tail gunner area on the Boeing B-17. Below left, Ray Nickels from Las Vegas and Joe Toth from White Lake, piloted the B-25 Mitchell, called the "Yankee Warrior," as part of the Yankee Air Force's vintage military aircraft show. Below, left, Charlie Fick, the owner of Fick and Sons, Inc., got a ride on the chinook helicopter as well as the B-17 as part of the Michigan National Guard's Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Program.

Grant for hatchery roof replacement approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After years of attempting to net funds to save the Grayling Fish Hatchery building, officials have finally secured a grant to pay for a roof which will stem the deterioration of the local landmark.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, last week, learned that a \$30,000 grant which will pay to replace the roof on the 92-year-old building, was approved by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials.

"Once we get the roof in place, that will save the building, then we can go for more grants and funding to finish the rest of the project," said Gaye Pizzi, secretary for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee.

In December, the hatchery committee submitted a grant application in hopes of obtaining USDA Rural Business Enterprise grant funds.

The grant funds are earmarked to fund and finance small and emerging business enterprises in rural areas and can be used for the repair and modernization of buildings. The hatchery committee

hopes to establish a nature museum in the building.

Bruce Patrick, the environmental monitor for Crawford County and chairman of the fish hatchery steering committee, said USDA officials were able to convince the Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office to sign off on the grant application since the roof replacement will not effect the historical integrity of the building.

The steering committee is writing the job specifications for the roof project and will advertise for bids from contractors in the next couple of weeks. The grant is contingent on the project being completed by Sept. 30, which is the end of the fiscal year for the federal government.

While working within confines of the grant, Patrick said officials are striving to ensure that the roof is insulated and ventilated to accommodate the future plans for the building.

"We're just trying to get more bang for the buck so we don't have to pay high heating costs down the road," Patrick said.

A total of \$22,000 in pledges have been offered by businesses, individuals and organizations for the fish hatchery restoration

project.

After the roofing project is completed, the hatchery committee will seek grants and funds for siding and replacement of windows for the building.

"We're taking one bite at a time and we're going to do it that way," Patrick said.

The hatchery committee completed a project to restore the fish hatchery grounds with a \$464,000 Department of Natural Resources grant in 2003.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

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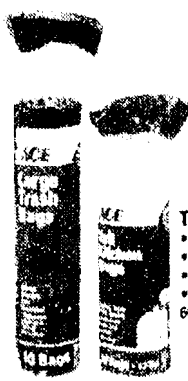
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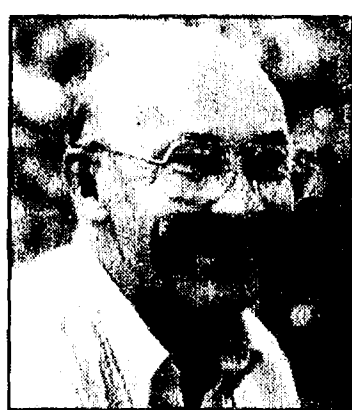
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Bike helmets may be safer, but are they justified?

TO WEAR a protective helmet when riding a motorcycle, or to go bareheaded? Ah, that is the question.

There's little doubt that bike helmets are safer. They help protect the rider and reduce the severity of injuries from accidents.

Michigan law for 37 years has required bike helmets. Almost since the law was passed many motorcyclists have resisted. It should be up to the cyclist, they argue. It should be a matter of personal choice.

The battle for and against helmets often has been fought in the Michigan legislature, but the helmet ban has prevailed. This year the Michigan house voted to repeal the helmet law. The Michigan senate had passed the same bill last year.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, however, has had the last word ... at least for now. Claiming that "the social and economic costs of this

legislation simply are too high," Gov. Granholm vetoed the repeal, and the whole idea is likely to remain dead for a year or so.

In an interesting sidelight, Dick DeVos, Ms. Granholm's Republican opponent in the November election, immediately claimed endorsement by American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Michigan (ABATE), an anti-helmet group who avidly backed repeal. Mr. DeVos supported the repeal bill.

ARGUMENTS ON both sides of this continuing controversy are convincing.

On the one side is safety. Wearing helmets reduces the severity of injuries from motorcycle accidents, especially closed head injuries.

At a capitol rally opposing repeal, one emergency room physician called repeal "a legislative path that leads to death," warning that all Michigani-

will share in the costs to care for the increased brain injuries suffered by cyclists, according to a report in The Detroit News.

The same report cited a study by Michigan State Police that repeal would "result in 22 added fatalities, 132 more incapacitating injuries and 610 other injuries annually, costing Michigan \$140 million more."

Recognizing some of these possible results, the repeal bill had strings attached. It required helmet-less cyclists to be 21 years of age with two years of experience, pass a safety class, and carry an additional \$10,000 in personal injury insurance coverage.

There's also the humanitarian argument. Motorcycle helmets undoubtedly save lives and reduce human suffering from injuries.

ON THE ANTI helmet side, arguments are more direct and

much simpler:

Personal safety should be a matter of personal choice.

If I choose to ride my motorcycle letting the wind blow through my hair, without a helmet, even realizing the added danger to me, then it should be up to me to make that decision.

Well, shouldn't this reasoning apply to seat belt laws, too, as well as other areas where governments mandate restrictive activities for the good of the individual, as well as for the common good?

So how about fast foods, for example, which may well account for serious health problems by those who avidly consume them? Or the sale and consumption of liquor, which brings problems to many individuals and families, and in many cases is at the root cause of much public spending in police services, corrections and welfare?

And then there's tobacco and

all the health care problems and expenses it may cause. Government not only permits sale and use of tobacco products, but actually promotes tobacco through federal subsidies to tobacco farmers.

Fast food, liquor and tobacco are not good for us as individuals, but we choose to use them and government permits it.

Does government - expressing the collective will of the people - have the duty to protect its citizens' lives and reduce human suffering in all areas of public life, and not just in motoring safety through such things as motorcycle helmets and auto seat belts?

CONSISTENCY IN the minds of people, however, is remarkable chiefly for its inconsistency.

While most Americans probably would agree that governments already are too demanding and restrict their citizens far too

much in personal activities, most Americans seem to favor motorcycle helmet laws. Although 30 other states permit optional helmets, polls show about 70 percent of Michigan citizens back mandatory helmets.

Any reasonable motorcyclist still would wear a helmet in most cases regardless of the law; but should helmets be required by law ... or only by common sense?

Does it make any difference if there's a higher price tag for the rest of us - either through public care for the disabled, or in higher insurance rates which we all pay, or in some other ways - that become inevitable when personal regulation is removed?

The controversy will continue. # # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

There is nothing like a parade

To the editor,

Having grown up in the 50's and 60's I can really appreciate the Independence Day parades. Back then a parade was a great chance to decorate your bikes and ride in the parades. Hundreds of kids would enter their bikes decorated to the hilt with red, white, blue, and silver streamers and flags. It was a sight to see and some of the best simple fun.

Like they say "There is nothing like a parade." Young and old spectators turn out, even in the rain, to watch with smiles on their faces. Unfortunately, we as a country have not had a lot to smile about with all the terrorism, war, and devastation going

on. I say, let's put on an amazing parade for our young children. Let us as parents and business owners share with our youth the true meaning of the 4th of July (Independence Day) and in our teaching them, we show respect for all those who have fought for our freedom.

Rally with me as I put together a float for the parade from my business. I've done a float for 28 years for the River Parade, so I do know how much work it is. Don't do it for the exposure, do it for the simple fun and joy that it brings. Do it for the red, white, and blue.

Louise Tournaud-Quigley
Grayling

Stolen items were for fundraiser

To the editor:

Sometime over the weekend of May 6, the Rotary Club of Grayling had a break-in at their storage unit at Jansen's Warehousing on Old 27, north of Scheer Motors. Two new Old Town kayaks (sunrise red), still in the factory wrapping, and a large refrigerator were taken.

These items were to be used in

our up-coming fundraisers, which are being held to raise money for the many community projects we support. We are offering a reward to anyone who can help us get these items returned. Please call 989-348-5384.

Brian Dandy
Grayling Rotary President

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Estate tax no threat to small businesses and family farms

Over the last decade, 18 families worth an average of \$10 billion have quietly financed a massive public relations campaign to repeal the estate tax. According to a recent report by two non-profit organizations, Public Citizen and United for a Fair Economy, these families have spent more than \$200 million contributing to political campaigns, hiring lobbyists, and forming an anti-estate tax coalition. Their goal, of course, has been to avoid paying estate taxes on their own enormous fortunes.

The public relations campaign they created, however, has sought to portray the estate tax as threatening family farms and small businesses, claiming that many such businesses have been sold to cover an estate tax bill. Because these family-run enterprises are the heart of American society and the American economy, they have been effective poster children in the campaign for the repeal of the estate tax.

The trouble is that it is not true.

In reality, only a tiny fraction of all estates pay any estate tax. In 2004, only one percent of estates in Michigan and 1.2 percent nationwide paid any tax. And family farms and small businesses are a part of only about two percent of this already tiny percentage of estates.

We should find ways to exempt this handful of estates so that no family farm or small business ever has to close to pay the estate tax. However, those

who want to repeal the estate tax are not interested in that solution. Their interest is in eliminating the estate tax for huge individual holdings.

It is not popular to talk about these days, but our government needs tax revenue to operate. Our military needs decently paid troops and world-class equipment. We need scientists working toward cures for cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and birth defects, and to increase the availability of health care. We need decently paid teachers to educate our children, and dollars to build new bridges and highways. We need to revitalize our manufacturing sector and invest in advanced energy technologies. And the list of needs goes on.

Right now, we are running record deficits. At our current pace, the country's total debt will be more than \$12 trillion by 2016, which is \$39,000 per man, woman, or child. Repealing the estate tax would add an additional \$1 trillion to the deficit over ten years. It is not just reckless fiscal and economic policy to saddle future generations with this crushing debt burden; it is morally wrong to pass this burden to our children and grandchildren.

Individuals are still able to pass on great wealth to their children, but the estate tax ensures that those who prospered so greatly in the American economic system do their fair share to contribute to our continued national well-being. Like

all Americans, the very wealthy benefit from public investment of tax dollars in areas such as defense, "homeland" security, environmental protection and infrastructure, and they rely even more than others on our legal system and the government's protection of property rights.

In the words of President Teddy Roosevelt, who proposed the estate tax: "Inherited economic power is as inconsistent with the ideals of this generation as inherited political power was inconsistent with the ideals of the generation which established our government."

If we have any hope of getting our federal budget deficit under control, eliminating the estate tax for the extremely wealthy is exactly the wrong thing to do.

We need to look out for all of our citizens, not just the few who are extraordinarily wealthy.

Even though they have financed an extraordinary public relations campaign on their own behalf, I cannot agree with policy changes that favor a handful of multimillionaires at the expense of working American families and of critical national priorities. When this issue comes before the Senate again in coming days, I will support reasonable increases in the exemption limits that ensure only an even tinier fraction of estates pay the estate tax, but I will oppose major changes to the estate tax that drain the treasury for the exclusive benefit of the wealthiest among us.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Every letter must be signed and an address and

telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

COA hosts speaker on senior apartments

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale St., will have speaker Terri Melia and Rev. Jim Kent from Country Village Apartments, presenting on new, affordable senior living apartments that are available in the area on Thursday, July 6, after lunch. For information or transportation call Louise Mize at 348-7123.

Blood drive to be held

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday, July 5, from 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, July 6, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Advanced Master Gardener, Anna Biernat will speak about herbs. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information call Cindy Cain at 344-1420.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of hot casserole, a sandwich, salad, soup and dessert on Thursday, July 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, July 11, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. The program will be on fire protection. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Museum giving away over \$2,000 in prizes for mural contest

The Crawford County Museum is holding a contest for a landscape mural of the AuSable River. The artists may use any medium, they desire. The mural must be two feet high by six to eight feet long.

The winner's mural will be hung in the museum as part of the AuSable River display that is being created.

There is a \$20 entry fee. Artists may register at the museum which is located at 97 Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

After registration, their murals will be placed in the display window at Riverland until the day of judging. Ann Stephenson has graciously offered her window during this time so that the artists' work may be viewed.

There will be three judges for the contest and the judging will take place in the courtyard of the museum on July 22 at 1:30 p.m. Artists may register from June 28 until July 22 at 11 a.m.

The winner of the mural, as well as first and second runner up, will receive a wonderful prize package. The winner's package is worth \$1,200, the package for the first runner up is worth \$600 and the package for the second runner up is worth \$300.

Packages include gift certificates for items such as overnight stays at bed and breakfast inns, ski packages, rounds of golf, biking and canoe trips. There are also certificates for meals and food, car care, movies, flowers, jewelry and more.

"Some of (the businesses), I couldn't believe the amounts of money they gave in gift certificates," said museum curator Priscilla Geyer.

She believes that having a large payoff for winning is essential to the competition.

"I want the artists to understand they should enter," said Geyer.

Secretary Land reminds voters to register for August primary

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds Michigan residents that Monday, July 10, is the deadline for registering to vote in the Aug. 8 primary election.

"The right to vote is something we must never take for granted," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "Our country was founded on the principle of a representative government in which the people have a voice. It is extremely important that everyone who is eligible to vote exercise their right to cast a ballot."

To register, applicants must be 18 years old by Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Michigan and the city or township in which they are applying.

Residents can register at their county, city or township clerk's office, or at any Secretary of State branch office, or by completing a mail-in voter registration form. Mail-in forms may be obtained from county and local clerks. Forms are also available on the Secretary of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Residents who register by mail must vote in person in the first election on which they participate unless they are age 60 or older, temporarily residing overseas, or disabled as defined by law. Residents who have never voted in Michigan and register by mail may also be subject to identification requirements under federal law.

In a partisan primary, votes must be cast for only one political party. Casting votes in a partisan primary for both Republican and Democratic candidates invalidates the partisan section of the ballot.

Absentee ballots are available to eligible residents at city or township clerk's offices through 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7. Absentee ballots may be obtained by mail by submitting a signed ballot request to the city or township clerk not later than 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Voters may obtain an absentee ballot if they are expected to be away from their city or township on Election Day, are 60 years of age or older, are in jail awaiting trial or arraignment, unable to attend the polls for religious reasons, or are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person.

Land also reminds those vot-

ing by absentee ballot that:

Only the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or someone residing in the voter's household may return the voter's completed absentee ballot to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots may also be returned by mail. An assistant from the clerk's office is also authorized to pick up the ballot if none of the other options are available.

Voters residing in nursing homes, senior centers and other assisted-living facilities should know that it is illegal to vote in a group setting. Avoid any meetings in which you are asked to join with other residents of your building or members of your organization to vote at the same time.

If someone assists you in completing your ballot, review your choices to make sure the ballot was marked as you directed. The person marking the ballot on your behalf must sign the ballot's return envelope stating that he or she assisted you.

For additional information, contact your city or township clerk or visit the department's Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. While online, voters are also encouraged to check out the Secretary of State Voter Information Center. It provides voters with election-related information, including polling place locations, voter registration status, how to use the voting equipment, campaign finance reports and more.

EARLY DEADLINES!!!

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Wednesday, July 5th.

Early deadlines will apply for the July 6th issue:

Display Ads...

Thurs., June 29th • 5 pm

Letters to the Editor...

Thurs., June 29th • noon

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Fri., June 30th • noon

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Secretary of State offices to be closed for 4th of July

All Secretary of State offices, including the Office of the Great Seal, will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. license plate tabs will arrive by mail

within seven business days.

With the exceptions of holidays, branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesday most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. SUPER! Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

Additional information about branch office locations-including maps, hours and services is available online through the Department of State Branch Office Locator. For more information visit the department Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
The 50/50 raffle winners for June 25, of \$25 each: John MacLeod, Dennis Henning, and Carl Neilson.

Knights of Columbus
The winners of the Knights of Columbus raffle are: gas grill - John Rozenek, \$100 - Jim Parker, and \$50 - Billy Nielson.

May blood drives

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on May 3, at the Grayling American Legion, had 52 donors. Michelle C. Andrews was a first time donor. Bonnie J. Shuntana received a one gallon pin; Briane W. Noeski received a two gallon pin; Carolyn Rakoczy received a three gallon pin; and William R. Hamlin a seven gallon pin.

A special O blood type drive was held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on May 9, with 32 donors. Dale French was awarded a 10 gallon pin.

The next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, July 5, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. The last donation date for this blood drive must be 56 days before the above date.

At all drives, donors are requested to bring a photo ID or their Red Cross donor card.

Attention Charter Communications customers
We are proud to announce the opening of the West Branch Customer service center.

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The Bible Speaks

Religious Hypocrites Condemned by Practice

Their principle of religious hypocrisy is condemned by the question of Romans 2:21a: "21Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" Jesus warned the people of this danger from the religious scribes and Pharisees of His day in Matthew 23:3: "3All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." As Jesus said in Matthew 7:16: "16Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

Their practice of religious hypocrisy is condemned by three questions. First in Romans 2:21b: "...thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? The prophet Micah in 3:11 said: "11The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us." As Jesus rebuked the moneychangers in the temple in Matthew 21:13: "13And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made

it a den of thieves." The prophet Malachi in 3:8 reminded us of their worst theft: "8Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

Second, in Romans 2:22a he asks if they are adulterers: "22Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery?" This sin begins with coveting within the heart as Exodus 20:17 teaches: "17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Jesus made it even plainer in Matthew 5:27,28: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Third, in Romans 2:22b he asks if they are idolaters: "...thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?" Jeremiah in 7:9,10 raised this question: "9Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know

not; 10And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?" The first of God's 10 commandments in Exodus 20:3 forbid idolatry: "3Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The chief commandment of both the Old and New Testaments was first listed in Deuteronomy 6:5: "5And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Finally, Paul reminded religious hypocrites in Romans 2:23,24 of the predicament they are in because of their hypocrisy: "23Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? 24For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written." Hypocrites stand condemned for dishonoring God and blaspheming His name. Those who profess to be Christians should be very careful to practice in their lives that which they profess. Pastor "B"

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Four Generations



Brayden Joseph Kesteloot, born March 8, 2006, is presented with his great-grandmother, Mary Caine; his mother, Samantha Kesteloot; and his grandmother, Kathy Marrone. Caine and Marrone are former Grayling residents. Lois Kesteloot, of Grayling, and the late Albert Kesteloot are Brayden's paternal great-grandparents. Brayden and family reside in Colo.

Petersons' celebrate 50 years



John and Nila Peterson

John and Nila Peterson, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2006. John and Nila (Uzewick) Peterson, were married at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Houghton Lake in 1956. They are both graduates of Houghton Lake High School and have lived in Grayling for the

past 40 years. In 2001, they both retired from Peterson Saw Service in Grayling. They have four children: Dora (Milford) Mead, Paul (Diana) Peterson, both of Grayling, Cathy (Harry) Deane of Greenville, and Gregg (Robbie) Peterson of Glenville, Pa. They have 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 124 complaints the week of June 19 - June 25:

One EMS response, five false alarms, one assault/intimidation, three burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-breaking and entering an unoccupied structure, one burglary-forced entry, one burglary-no forced entry-residence, 10 larcenies, one motor vehicle

theft, one illegal use of credit card, four damage to properties, one obstruction of justice, 13 public peace/disorderlies, two OUILs/UBALs, one operating while intoxicated, eight health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, three miscellaneous arrest, 12 traffic accidents, one accident-fire, two accidents-all other, five motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, two civil matters/family disputes, 11 suspicious situations, one suicide, 16 general non-criminal complaints, 15 driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Bingo

Sunday - 1:00 pm

Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465

Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

OBITUARIES

Piper A. Perry

June 2, 2006 - June 6, 2006
Piper Alexis Perry, passed away on June 6, 2006.

Piper was born on June 2, 2006, in Grayling, to Melissa Riley and Kevin Perry.

She is survived by her parents; grandparents, William and Louise Perry of Port Huron; great-grandparents Pati Newton and Mike Hettinger of Grayling, and Howard (Stella) Jameson of Gladwin; aunts and uncles: Anthony (Beth) Oldenburg, Jessica Oldenburg, Vicky Perry, Steve Perry, Chris (Chuck) Stewart, William Perry, and Dorothy Kelly; great aunts: Dawn, Amy and Diane; great-uncle Adam; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Tammi Jo Oldenburg and Robert Oldenburg; uncle, Roger Perry; aunt, Tina Robinson; and cousins, Robert Perry and Heaven.

A funeral service was held on Friday, June 9, with Rev. Elizabeth Chase officiating. Interment will be in Butman Township Cemetery in Gladwin.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Memorial contributions may be sent to Pati Newton, P.O. Box 184, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, June 30 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and carrots, and banana. No Dinner.

Sunday, July 2 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, July 3 - Lunch - smoked sausage, hot German potato salad, mixed vegetables, and applesauce. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes and pears. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

Tuesday, July 4 - Closed 11 a.m. parade.

Wednesday, July 5 - Lunch - salmon patty with cream sauce, glazed carrots, coleslaw, and pineapple. Dinner - pork chops, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas, and apple crisp. 5:30 p.m. Burger King bingo.

Thursday, July 6 - Lunch - BBQ meatballs, Italian blend vegetables, corn, and peaches. Dinner - beef vegetable stew, biscuit, green beans and fresh fruit salad. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 12:30 p.m. speaker- Country Village Apt., 5:30 p.m. Uno attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

HONORS

Grand Valley State University

Grand Valley State University announced the Dean's List for the Winter 2006 semester. The following students qualified with a grade point average of 3.50 and have been enrolled a minimum of 12 credits. Emily E. Fox, Tracey M. Lewis, and Mallory M. Olson, all of Grayling. Students from Roscommon are: Ann M. Bozzo, Adam J. Bradley, Jason M. Britton, Connie Coors, Ashleigh W. Donaldson, and Richard A. Warner.

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400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (Preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11 am
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Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Jorgensen
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
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(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
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Pastor Larry Hawkins
Associate Pastor Tom Foyce
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovells
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Secord - Pastor
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Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United
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2474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Woldan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage 348-7466

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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48853
Phone: 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West

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Wednesday Evening 7 pm

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Pastor John Scott
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor David Rosenberg
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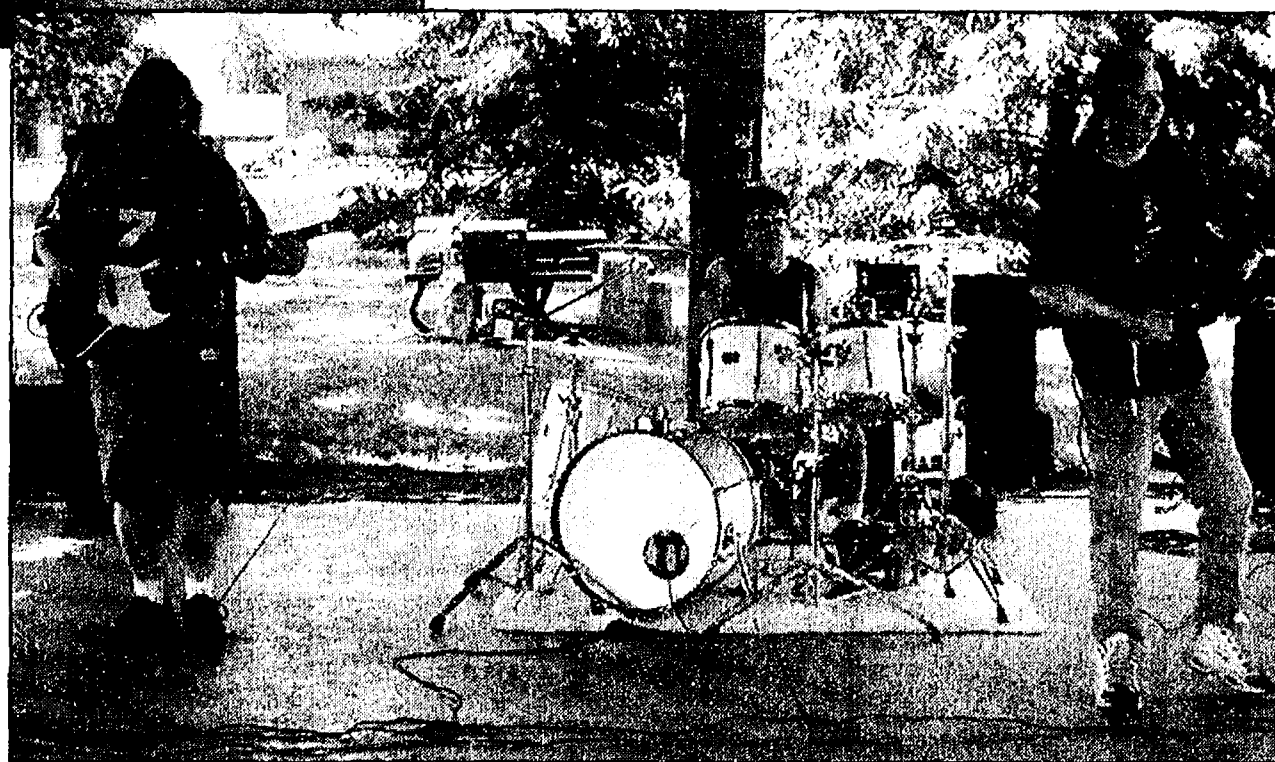
His Children and Families

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A Week of Music



For the listening and viewing pleasure of the general public, there was a lot of free live music to be seen in Grayling last week. Brian Ashton (above right) played on the Citizens Bank lawn Thursday, marking the first act of the 2006 Grayling Summer Music Series. A large crowd turned out to watch Ashton play. Mr. Hand (below right) headlined part one of the Crawford County Historical Museum's History Rocks 2006 festival in the city park on Saturday. Mr. Hand was supported by a variety of folk and rock acts for the afternoon festival, including Trojan Whorse (above).



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New laws require smoke alarms in structures built before November 6, 1974

To meet the requirements of newly-enacted laws, building and homeowners must install smoke alarms in any structures constructed before November 6, 1974.

As a result of Public Act 64 of 2004 and PA 65 of 2004, every Michigan building, structure and residential dwelling must have smoke alarms installed. The laws

establish a deadline of March 14, 2007 for installing smoke alarms. The laws have been incorporated into the Michigan Building Code, Michigan Residential Code, and the Michigan Rehabilitation Code for Existing Buildings.

"The new laws are designed to set a minimum standard for structures built prior to November 6, 1974, to protect the

health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state," said Henry L. Green, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety.

"The laws provide building and homeowners a year to act, however I encourage all owners to install their alarms now while they are thinking about it. Not only will this allow you to bring

the structures into compliance, but more importantly to protect your family or any other tenants using the building."

These laws only pertain to buildings constructed prior to November 6, 1974. Construction of all buildings built after November 6, 1974, must follow the codes set forth for new construction.



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Eagles Club spreads coney fever to local lunches

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"There's probably three or four of us who get our conies every Tuesday," said Steve Doyle, city zoning supervisor.

"They're great, and the price is right."

Other city officials who occasionally indulge in the dogs include City Manager Allen Lowe.

"Don't tell my doctor," said Lowe.

According to McMurtrie, Weyerhaeuser holds the record for strongest case of coney fever.

"One time a few years ago we fed both shifts at Weyerhaeuser," said McMurtrie.

That order included between 200 and 250 coney dogs per shift. McMurtrie offered some insight into what he believes makes the dogs so popular.

"Quality of the product. Good old skinless, old time franks," said McMurtrie.

This sentiment was backed by self proclaimed coney aficionado Pete Kocefas, who fell in love with the coney dog at age nine and has since sampled coney dogs in eight states.

"Cheap hot dogs don't get it, you know," said Kocefas.

He offered his own thoughts on what makes a good coney.

"Everybody has their own chili sauce and sometimes they're good and sometimes they're not," said Kocefas.

He further discussed the ultimate taboo in coney dog creation.

"What I don't like is when I go to some place and they microwave 'em," said Kocefas.

He had no such complaints about the conies at the Eagles Club. He was interviewed on a Monday, when his mind was already set on the future.

"I talked to (my friend) this morning and I said I wish it was Tuesday," said Kocefas.

The coney dog tradition was started by the late Walter Mansfield, an Eagles Club member and a coney enthusiast much like Kocefas.

"He was the Coney King. I even have his plaque at home that says 'The Coney King,'" said Mansfield's daughter, Bambi

Mansfield-Sanderson.

She said her father brought his love of conies to the Eagles Club.

"It was his wacky idea," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

At first, nobody was quite sure how well this "wacky idea" would work out, but it soon proved to be a hit, with the Eagles needing to devote a large staff to coney duty to keep up with the high demand.

"People were shocked at how fast it grew," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

When Walter Mansfield fell ill a few years ago, the program lost some of its focus and even stopped for a short time. It has since been revived.

"My dad would be so proud that it's back up and running," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

She also emphasized that this activity highlights the contributions the Eagles make to Grayling.

"Their profit margin is not that huge. It's more for the community," said Mansfield-Sanderson. "Their auxiliary is constantly donating...they give a lot of money that people are unaware of."

Coney Dogs are available at the Eagles Club from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Tuesday. To place a pick-up order, call 348-5287.

Vintage warbirds bring back memories

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Rowland enlisted in the Army in November, 1940.

He was serving as a cadet when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Rowland flew his 35 missions over France and Germany before he was discharged in 1944.

He flew in formation with 17 other B-17s to ensure the accuracy of their bombing runs. It took a crew of 10 men to operate the plane and its guns.

Rowland recalled piloting the plane through black hovering smoke. One time, he said he had to brake out of formation and return to his base when a crew member noticed that a fuel gap had become dislodged during flight.

"That was one of the best landings I ever made because I was scared to death," Rowland said. "If we caught one spark, it would have been a catastrophe."

Rowland said he appreciated the opportunity to see another part of the world while serving the country.

"To me, that was the best education a guy could get," he said.

Yankee Air Force pilots had Rowland sit in the co-pilot seat of a B-17 and take the controls during a flight on Friday, which brought back a flood of memories and emotions.

"Just to look at that thing, it makes you think about the guys that you served with and you wonder where they are now," said Rowland, who attended reunions with his comrades every two years.

Rowland, 84, took part in the flight Friday despite having a pacemaker implanted earlier this month.

"There was not a chance they

were going to take this opportunity away from me," said Rowland, who was cleared to fly by his doctors and nurses.

Hamlin, a Grayling native, worked at the Eastern Aircraft plant in Baltimore.

Hamlin went out east to live with her sister, Norberta Sawyer, after she graduated from high school.

"There sure wasn't anything to do around here after we got out of school because all of the fellas were gone off to war," Hamlin said.

Hamlin recalled spending long days on the assembly line, riveting the plane's fuselage together.

"It was really fun, and you met a lot of people and the people were really nice," Hamlin said.

Hamlin enjoyed the city life in Baltimore, seeing the Big Bands, perform and riding the trolley.

Hamlin, 81, was able to view a TBM Avenger called Ida Red, which is owned and operated by Dave Tinker, of Monroe, and is part of the Yankee Air Force's fleet of planes.

"To see the airplane was really something and it was in great shape after all these years," Hamlin said. "I never really seen one put together because all we did was work on the fuselage and then it was sent on to another plant."

Hamlin was able to give the owners of the plane a unique perspective on the aircraft.

Hamlin viewed the plane with her son, Dean Smith, and granddaughters, Elle Smith.

"Elle only thinks of her as grandma, not as some lady who helped build airplanes during World War II, so this has given her a whole new respect for grandma," Dean said.

Lowe resigns from city manager's post

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Morford, who served as the city manager for 27 years.

Lowe said there are several loose ends that need to be tied up in the city, including the city park renovation, stormwater retrofit project, the Downtown Development Authority project and negotiations with city employees.

"We've accomplished a lot in the city in the last six and half years," he said.

Akers met with city department heads on Tuesday. The council was scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 to determine the steps that will be taken to find a new city manager.

"Everything is going to run at status quo, and there will not be any changes in how the city does

business for the public," Akers said.

Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier was appointed by the council to serve as the interim city manager.

Lowe was previously asked to step down from his position in 2003 by a former city council trustee.

The council agreed to pay Lowe six months in severance, pay as well as his accrued sick and vacation pay as part of the resignation.

Lowe is a Grayling native, former attorney and school teacher. He was term-limited from the 105th District State House of Representative's seat in 1998 and narrowly lost in the primary election in 2002 for the 36th Senate seat held by Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

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The Speedway gas station on the I-75 Business Loop was completely torn down last week to clear the space for a brand new, expanded and revamped Speedway facility. The new gas station is expected to include more pumps and a larger interior.

Rally supports troops

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Hundreds of motorcycles rolled through Grayling and vintage military warbirds flew around the community in support of troops fighting the war on terrorism.

The third annual AuSable Adventure Rally was held at Wellington, USA last weekend.

Larry Amprim, an organizer for the rally, said the rally tripled its attendance. A biker from Hurricane, Utah traveled the farthest to attend the event.

An estimated 1,000 people toured the Grayling Army Airfield on Friday and Saturday, viewing the Yankee Air Force's fleet of vintage military aircraft.

The purpose of the AuSable Adventure Rally is to raise money for the Michigan National Guard's Family Support Fund, money earmarked to help the families of troops pay for medical expenses or other financial hardships while they are deployed.

Although the final numbers for this year won't be tallied for a couple of weeks, the AuSable Adventure Rally and AuSable Adventure Golf Outing raised over \$55,000 for the Family Support Fund last year. The golf outing will be held on Friday, Aug. 25 at the Fox Run Country Club.

Joe Brinn, a Army veteran from Oscoda, rode his Harley Davidson in the rally's "Tribute Ride."

"I know what it was like coming back from Vietnam," Brinn said. "There is a lot more patriotism now, and we need to keep that going."

Hoss Ploured, an AuSable Adventure Rally volunteer, flew a huge American flag on the back of his motorcycle.

"I fly the flag on the back of my bike and I will do that until the war is over," Ploured said. "I was fortunate enough to not have to go to war, and I appreciate the men and women who are over there fighting for our freedom."

Over a dozen members from the Saginaw Valley BMW Club, including Jerry and Marie Lubbers, who attended the rally with their grandson, Mitchell, were also part of the festivities.

"We're up here to support the troops and to have some fun," Jerry Lubbers said.

Animal Shelter supporter offers \$10,000 challenge

Raising enough money to build a new animal shelter has been quite a challenge over the past few years. Now a supporter has stepped forward to challenge animal lovers everywhere to match a \$10,000 donation by December 31, 2006.

This week, the "Gimme Shelter \$10,000 Challenge" has been initiated by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's (ASCC) Board of Directors. Every donation earmarked for building the new facility will be matched up to \$10,000 by a donor who requested to remain anonymous.

"Having this additional funding will really help toward reducing the loan amount for this project," said Shelter President Sharon Priebe. "We are really looking forward to donations in any amount to reach the total amount of \$20,000 and hopefully more."

The new shelter facility will have 27 indoor dog kennels and a large cat colony area. It will also have a grooming/bathing room,

modest administrative office, reception area, adoption room, laundry and work area, and more. The project cost is approximately \$300,000.

The ASCC currently has about \$97,000 in its building fund from fundraising and donations. "We're really concerned about the size of our future monthly mortgage payment," said Cheryl Ruley, Secretary/Treasurer. "It is important that we reduce the loan amount as much as possible for the welfare of the hundreds of animals that come to us each year."

"The only way I know how to do this is to ask everyone for their support now, so that in the future we can just concentrate on providing care and adoption services, as well as building up our partnership with the community by offering new, innovative programs for pet owners," Ruley said. "Pet ownership is a lifelong commitment and we really want to play a big part in fostering that philosophy here in Crawford County."

"Anyone who has visited the existing animal shelter knows this community and its animals deserve better," Priebe said. "We have a chance here to move forward in the humane treatment of homeless dogs and cats, while creating a facility that's a source of pride instead of an eyesore."

Architectural drawings of the proposed shelter, to be located near the front entrance of the former county fairgrounds, can be reviewed at the shelter or by contacting Priebe weekdays at (989) 348-5982. All donations are tax deductible as the Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Bright green "Gimme Shelter \$10,000 Challenge" buttons will be on sale soon for a donation of \$1 or more. "We hope these buttons will bring more awareness to the immediate need for funding as the time approaches to finally break ground," said Priebe.

Donations can be made by check or money order and mailed to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384.

MDOT to suspend projects to ease 4th of July travel

If you are planning to travel this holiday weekend, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will help by suspending construction on all state highway and bridge projects and opening as many lanes of traffic as possible.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 30, and continuing until 6 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, MDOT will cease work and open lanes on 70 percent of its current active projects (that's 127 out of 180 projects). The 53 remaining projects will have some restrictions.

MDOT is responsible for nearly 10,000 miles of state highways that carry approximately 80 percent of all motor vehicle travel. For the 2006 construction season, the department has posted a 60 mph speed limit in all freeway and interstate construction zones that are marked with barrels and cones.

"We remind motorists to slow down and drive safely on Michigan highways during this long Fourth of July holiday weekend. We want everyone to arrive safely at their family barbecue, or wherever they plan to enjoy this summer holiday," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Even though work will be suspended and workers will not be present over

the long weekend, motorists still need to drive with caution through construction work zones because often lanes are still narrowed, or there may be traffic shifts. Please observe the posted speed limit at all times."

This year, a new sign, "Where Workers Present 45," means that motorists must reduce their speed to 45 mph where workers are present in highway work zones. The new speed limit is expected to improve traffic flow and enhance safety in work zones. Specifically, when approaching "Road Work Ahead" signs, motorists should maintain the posted speed limit, look for workers, locate workers, and lower their speed to 45 mph where workers are present.

Motorists can check current lane closures on the MDOT Web site under "Quick Links" at

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DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for July.

Immunization clinics: July 19 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: July 11, 18, and 25. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program

provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children: July 5, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24-26, 27 and 28. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions: For information call (231) 876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled July 20 in Grayling. Call 1-989-348-7800, ext. 8042 for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three years to third grade. Appointments are neces-

sary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of June 18 - June 25:

Five traffic warnings, five private property accidents, one traffic accident, two civil infraction citations, three misdemeanor arrests, three traffic control situations, four larceny complaints, three juvenile

complaints, five disturbing the peace complaints, one assist other department, two civil complaints, one alarm complaint, one malicious destruction of property complaint, one suspicious situation, two check law violations, two permits to purchase, one minor in possession, one welfare check and 13 unclassified complaints.

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Wood Shaving Days will be held on the grounds of the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park. The Logging Museum is a field site of the Michigan Historical Museum and interprets the white pine logging era of 1840-1910. Wood Shaving Days is sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines and all proceeds go towards the interpretive and educational programs at Hartwick Pines State Park.

Besides Wood Shaving Days, upcoming events include Vintage Base Ball games on July 8, August 13 and September 3, Forest Fest on August 12, and Black Iron Days on August 26 and 27.

For more information about Wood Shaving Days or other programs at Hartwick Pines, please call (989) 348-2537. There is no charge for attending Wood Shaving Days, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.



Hartwick Pines State Park will feature live demonstrations by blacksmiths, weavers, and wool spinners during their annual Woodshaving Days Festival on July 15 and 16.

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Beware: Emerald Ash Borer to emerge soon

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the exotic pest that has killed millions of ash trees in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, will be emerging soon, according to Michigan State University (MSU) researchers. "We have been tracking the accumulation of degree-days each year before EAB emerges," says Deb McCullough, a MSU forest entomologist. "EAB has been found to emerge between 450 and 500 degree-days, using a threshold of 50 degrees F."

Degree-days are a measurement of insect growth and development in response to daily temperatures, she explains. Insects, which are cold-blooded animals, don't begin to grow or develop until temperatures warm up in the spring. The accumulation of degree-days every spring is used to estimate growth and predict insect development and emergence. Degree-days are calculated by adding the maximum daily temperature and the minimum daily temperature, dividing the sum by two, then subtracting from that sum a base number, which is 50 degrees in F in this case.

Because southern parts of the state get warmer and stay warmer earlier than areas in northern Michigan, EAB will emerge earlier in the southern areas. For example, in 2004, MSU specialists found evidence of EAB emergence in Novi on May 18. The degree-day accumulation was 461.9 at Tollgate Education Center in Novi, which was very close to the area being monitored for EAB emergence. As a reference, the plant species *Wigela*, 'Vanhoutte' spirea and red twig dogwood were in full bloom at the site. Dame's rocket was also blooming.

To determine degree-days and possible EAB emergence in Michigan, refer to information found on this Web site: www.ipm.msu.edu/land-landscape/gddland.htm. In Indiana, refer to

<http://shadow.agry.purdue.edu/scobs-geog.html>. In Ohio, refer to www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/.

"Other insects, such as shiny green tiger beetles, also become active and emerge at this time. It is important that people be able to identify ash trees because EAB attack only ash trees," McCullough says. "Many people have learned to identify the adult EAB beetle, which is about 1/2 inches long and bright metallic green with a purple abdomen that is visible when the beetle flares its wings. People in Michigan and surrounding states should also become familiar with the signs and symptoms that indicate an ash tree is infested with EAB. Woodpecker attacks on the trunks or large branches are one of the first signs that many people notice."

Information on identifying ash trees, EAB, and EAB signs and symptoms can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info.

Now is also the time to treat ash trees for EAB. David Smitley, MSU Extension entomologist, has created an informational bulletin on treating ash trees for EAB. Extension bulletin E-2955, "Homeowner Guide to Emerald Ash Borer Treatments," is available from the MSU Bulletin Office by calling 517-353-6740, or on the Web at www.emdc.msu.edu. It covers treatment considerations, options and recommendations for homeowners.

This information is also available at www.emeraldashborer.info; click on "EAB infested trees."

The Emerald Ash Borer, *grilus planipennis* Fairmaire, is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. To date it has killed more than 15 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. For information about EAB, go to www.emeraldashborer.info or www.michigan.gov/eab.

Reid announces bid for State Senate

Paul Reid, head football coach at Meridian High School and technical advisor at Dow Chemical Co., has announced his intentions of running for the State Senate in the 36th district. He must first win the Democratic primary election on Aug. 8, and then he would earn the right to run against the Republican incumbent on Nov. 7 in the general election.

Reid is a 44 year old native Michigander, who is married to his wife of 15 years Dawn. They have two children Elliott and Mitchell. Reid has coached football for 25 years with the last seven being the head coach at Meridian. He is employed at Dow Chemical Company for 21 years. Before joining Dow he served five years as a Navy Medic with the Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan and Camp Pendleton, California.

This is Reid's first ever attempt at public office and has joined the fight to help protect the current jobs in Michigan first and then look for the avenues for other jobs to be created. One of the biggest issues for Reid is partisanship, he believes that some have lost focus in Lansing and put party first over the country or state.

"We have been affected more than any other state with outsourcing of jobs and high energy cost in Michigan, it's time that someone represents the people in their district first. Michigan has



Paul Reid

been forever a great tourism state and with gas prices where they are at with no end in sight, this too will effect our current economy." Reid feels very strongly in his support to the unions of Michigan and also in his support to the public school system.

Reid does not have the luxury of devoting his daily activity to campaigning, he will try to continue to stay employed at Dow and also remain the head coach at Meridian. His campaign will be mostly a grass root effort started by contributions by friends and family. He hopes his message is received well by people in the district and this support will lead him to victory in the fall.

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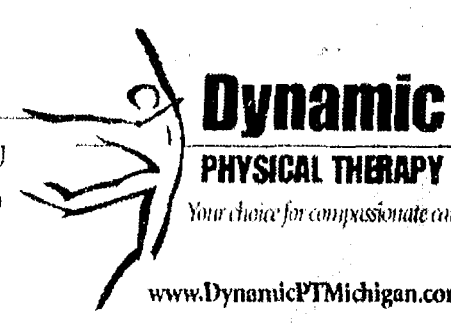
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The staff at the Crawford County Library held a kick-off for their summer reading program, called "Hot Diggity Dog", on Saturday with a hog dog cook out, balloon artist and a performance by a puppeteer. The theme for the summer reading program is "Paws, Claws and Scales." Over 100 parents and youngsters attended the event. Above, Mary Ellen Clark from Detroit got parents into the act as they perform a skit involving a Chinese Dragon. Above right, Greg Lesters, of Puppet Adventures from Lake Orion, poses with his puppet, "Zip", which was part of the play Thumbalina. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, in partnership with the Crawford County Library, held a mini-adoption event during the summer reading program kick-off. Below right, Marvel Stinson, of Grayling, gets to know her new companion cat, Ethie, with the help of Shelter Director Cheryl Postma. Sponsors for the summer reading program were Glen's Markets, which provided the hot dogs and all the fixings, and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, which provided tickets to the upcoming Carson and Barnes Circus, which will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on July 15.



AuSable River Festival Parade seeks floats for 2006 event

The AuSable River Festival Parade Committee is currently in the process of getting its lineup set for the 2006 parade, and applications for floats and groups are still being accepted.

The parade will be held on Saturday, July 29, at 3 p.m. The theme for this year's

AuSable River Festival Parade is "Music, Music, Music" and the parade marshal is Brian Ashton, a local musician.

To register a float or group for the 2006 AuSable River Festival Parade, complete the attached application and return it to:

Committee, P.O. Box 406, Grayling MI, 49738.

Parade applications are also available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce.

The next AuSable River Festival Parade meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29, at noon at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

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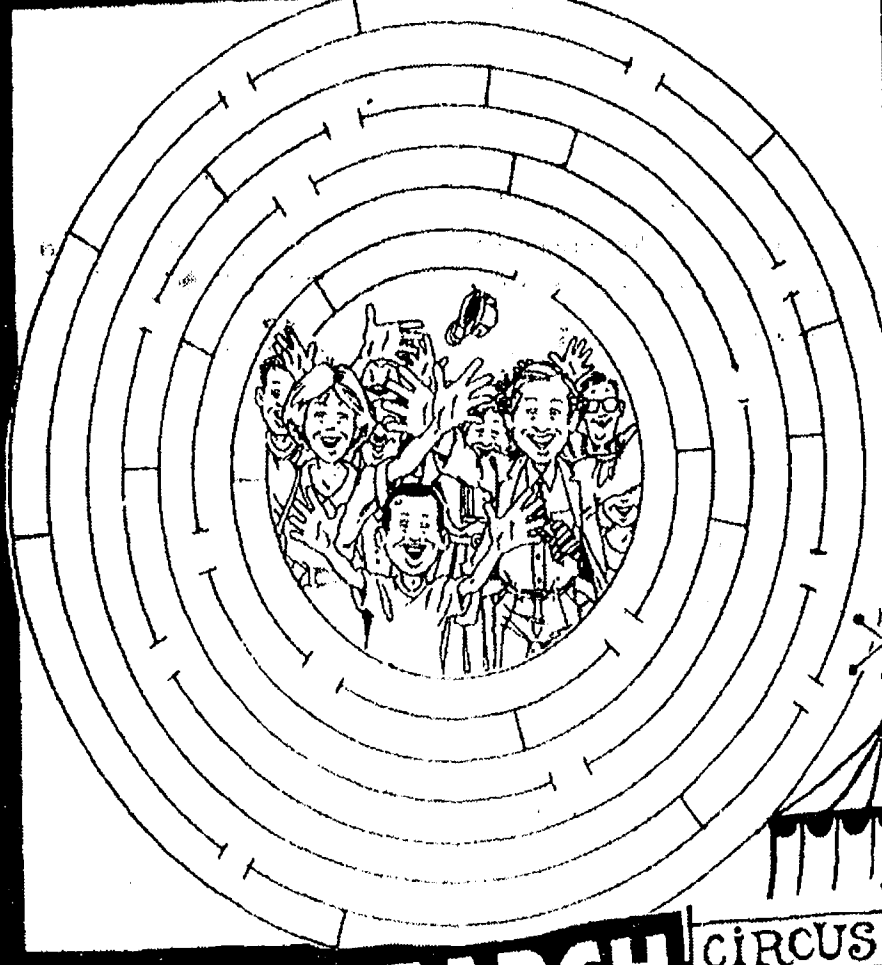
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LET'S GO TO THE CIRCUS

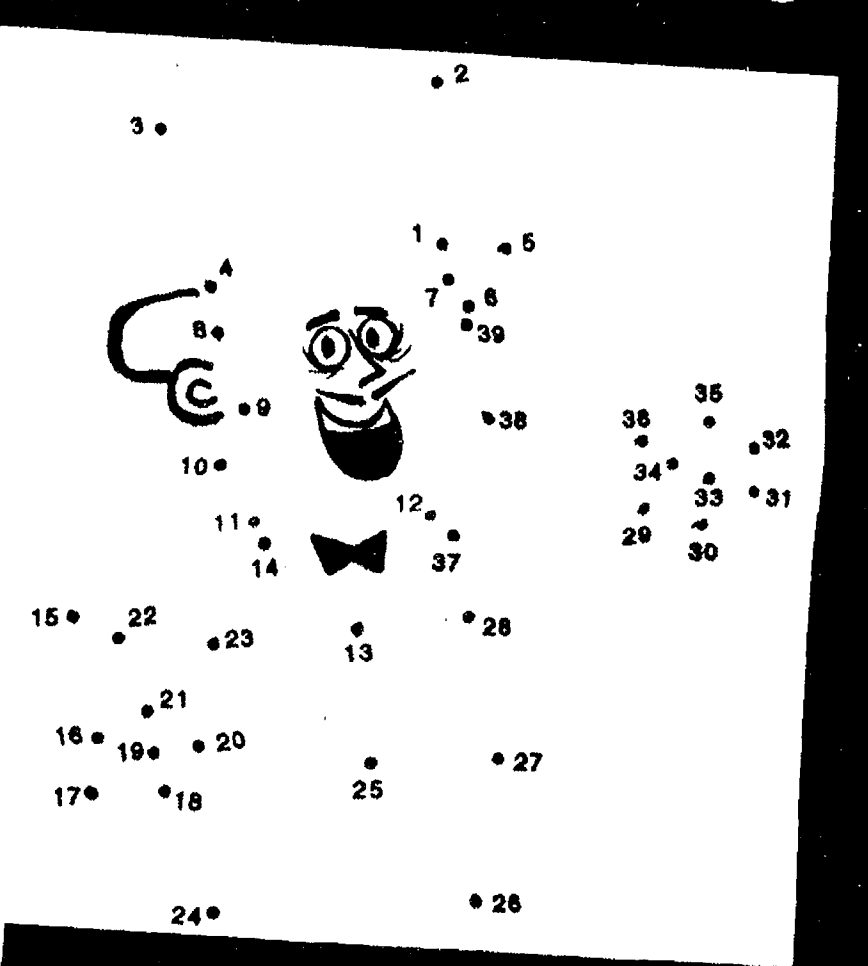


WORD SEARCH
 Find and circle the following Carson & Barnes Circus Words. The words can be front, back, up or down.

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 CIRCUS CARE GIRAFFE SWING JUMP

FOLLOW THE DOTS



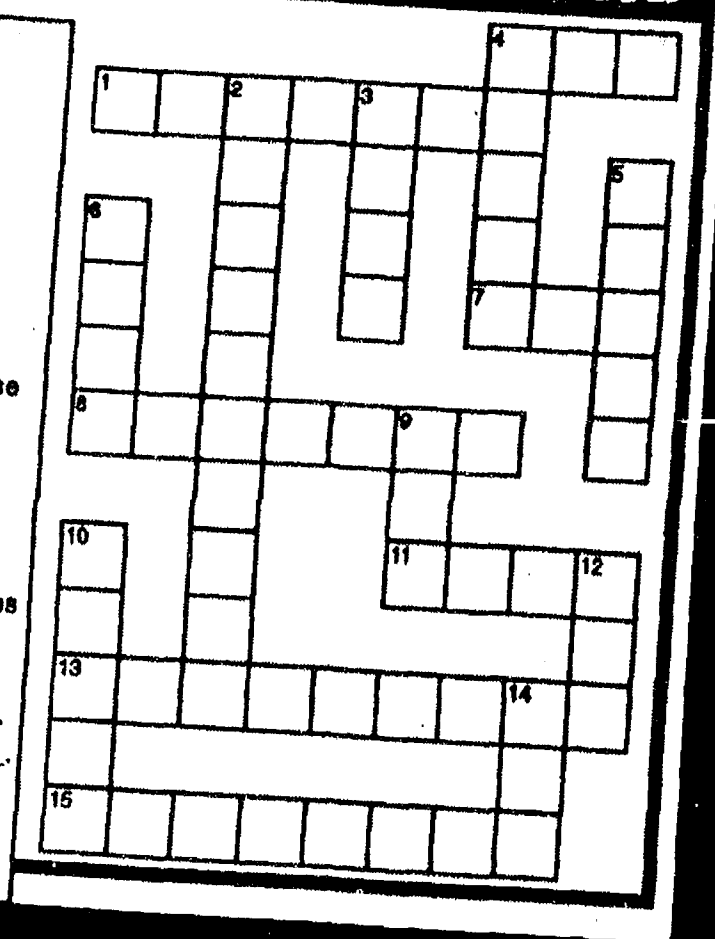
CIRCUS CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Long necked animal
- Large collection of animals
- The circus is made up of a large number of these
- Permits you to enter the circus
- Small horse like animal
- Circus term for horses in bareback act
- Large land mammal with long nose and big flapping ears

DOWN

- Large animal with horn growing out of nose
- Number of rings in Carson & Barnes
- Striped Horse like animal
- Elephants drink a lot of this
- The circus performs under a
- The circus tent is called a big
- The circus began with this animal
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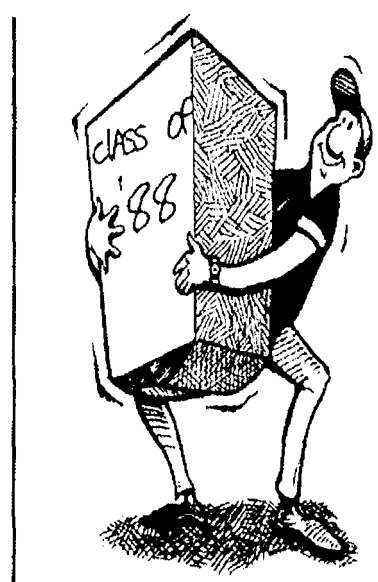
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May jobless rates decline in all of Michigan's regional labor markets

May seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates decreased in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Employment levels increased in the majority of areas over the month, while labor force levels were mixed.

"May was a positive month in many of Michigan's local labor markets. Seasonal gains in construction and tourism-related industries gave a boost to employment throughout the state," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Since May 2005, solid regional employment growth has been reported in health care and in professional and business services."

Jobless rate declines over the month were wide ranging from 0.2 of a percentage point to almost three full percentage points. The median decline for the 17 regions was 0.7 of a percentage point. The largest rate drops were seasonal and took place in Michigan's three north-

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted May workforce estimates for Northeast Lower Michigan follows

	May-05	Apr-06	May-06	% change month	% change year
NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN (Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	101,000	98,900	101,300	2.4%	0.3%
Total Employment	93,200	89,100	94,000	5.5%	0.9%
Unemployment	7,800	9,700	7,300	-24.7%	-6.4%
Rate (percent)	7.7	9.9	7.2		

Contact: Jim Rhein, DLEG Economic Analyst (313) 456-3095

ernmost labor market areas. The Northeast Lower Michigan Region, the Upper Peninsula and the Northwest Lower Michigan Regions displayed significant unemployment rate declines of around two full percentage points or greater.

Since May 2005, total employment levels increased in 15 of the state's major labor market areas. The most prominent employment gains over the year occurred in the Holland-Grand Haven and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs, along with the Upper Peninsula and the Northwest Lower Michigan Region.

The monthly survey of

employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased in May by 54,000 to total 4,423,000. Gains were widespread and seasonal throughout most industry sectors and metropolitan areas. Typically large increases were recorded statewide in leisure and hospitality services (+19,000), construction (+13,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+11,000) and in professional and business services (+9,000). The remaining industry sectors recorded mostly minor gains over the month.

All of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate declines in May, with a relatively

significant average decrease of 1.4 percentage points over the month. In May, nearly all of the counties with the most pronounced rate drops were located in the state's northern areas.

From May 2005 to May 2006, unemployment rates declined in 78 of the state's counties, with a moderate average decrease of 0.8 of a percentage point.

In May 2006: Crawford County ranked 44 in unemployment with a rate of 6.3; surrounding counties: Roscommon County ranked 59 with 7.2; Kalkaska County ranked 48 with 6.3; Otsego ranked 58 with 7.1; and Oscoda County ranked 78 with 9.0.

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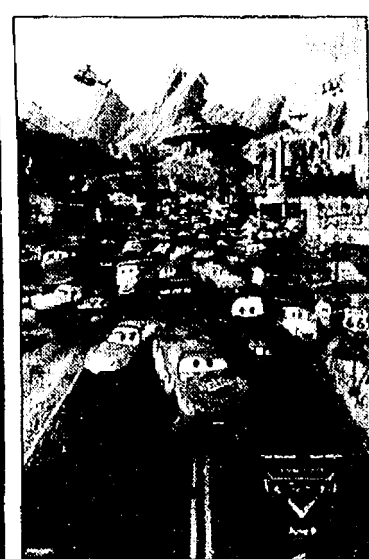
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Col. Dean W. Brown, Camp Grayling Commander, presented him with the Award Certificate and pinned him with the medal. The certificate read:

"This is to certify that the President of the United States of America authorized by executive order, 16 January 1969 has awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Ronald M. Latuszek Maneuver Training Center, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service to the Michigan Army National Guard during the period of May 2003 through March 2006, as the Chief, Plans and Training Division at Maneuver Training Center (Heavy), Camp Grayling, Michigan. His outstanding leadership and opera-



Lt. Col. Dean W. Brown presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Ronald M. Latuszek.

tional skills have immeasurably benefited all soldiers training in preparation for their federal mobilization. He has motivated subordinates and consistently improved customer focus.

Lieutenant Colonel Latuszek's outstanding service to the state and nation brings great credit upon himself, the Michigan Army National Guard and the United States Army." Signed

Major General Thomas G. Cutler, The Adjutant General of Michigan.

Lt. Col. Latuszek is currently on a two year accompanied assignment to Riga, Latvia.

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a.m. to 5:40 p.m., Monday - Friday at Alpena Community College. Students will gain knowledge and experience in archaeology methods via classroom work and field work.

Dr. Holley received a B.A. degree in anthropology from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. in underwater archaeology from the University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom). He has ten years of field experience in surveying underwater prehistoric sites and as principal investigator for several surveys of underwater sites in Scotland. He has participated in underwater archaeology and cultural resource management projects with the Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management since 1995. These projects have included prediction of prehistoric sites in Saginaw Bay and devel-

opment of an archaeological survey plan for historic shipwrecks at Thunder Bay (near Alpena).

Vrana received a M.S. degree from Michigan State University in park and recreation resources (speciality in resource management with a minor in fisheries), and is working on his Ph.D. in park, recreation and tourism resources (speciality in maritime studies with a minor in Anthropology). Vrana was employed by the National Park Service (NPS) as an operational scuba diver and scientific diver for 10 years. As a member of a federal underwater archaeological team, he participated in cultural resource management studies throughout the United States and in the western Pacific. He was responsible for operations in scientific diving and boating for over a dozen archaeological sur-

vey and assessment projects, primarily involving historic shipwrecks. He has worked as an underwater preserve specialist and during his employment at MSU, and has served as principal investigator, project coordinator, and technical consultant for numerous survey, assessment, and outreach projects involving historic shipwrecks, undersea technology, recreational scuba diving, underwater parks/preserves, and coastal heritage tourism.

For more information on course content, contact Dr. Holley at 989-834-5611. Information on course registration through ACC is available at www.alpena.cc.mi.us/calendar/schedule.htm; or by calling Roy Smith, dean of instructional services at 989-358-7243 or email at smithr@alpena.edu.

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Crystal Filley

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2006 AuSable Marathon on pace for largest starting field ever

Public invited to Marathon Dinner on Friday, July 28

■ With 62 teams registered, this year's field approaches 2000 record of 68

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

With 62 paddling teams registered as of Monday, June 26, this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon – a 120-mile, non-stop race from Grayling to Oscoda – could set a new record for the largest field of competitors in the event's 59-year history.

The current AuSable Marathon record for the largest starting field – 68 teams – was set in 2000.

"I would not be surprised if we get 70 this year," said David Sabin, Marathon Committee Chairman.

"If we hit 70, it's going to be a lot of work measuring (canoes) and getting all the sprints in," said Joe Wakeley, Marathon Committee Co-Chairman. "The bigger it gets, the more you have to manage."

(Sabin and Wakeley said the current marathon committee has discussed the possibility of instituting a limit on the number of entrants, and will likely revisit the idea if this year's field does indeed break the 70-team mark.)

Sabin and Wakeley said the marathon committee and its many volunteers are working hard on this year's race, and are making quite a few changes to various aspects of the event.

"One of the reasons I got on board was to change things," Sabin said. "If you keep doing

the same thing over and over it loses its edge real quick. We have to keep being innovative."

"This year we're going to change a lot of things. The pre-race program is going to be different. We'll still have the paddler introductions and national anthem, but we'll have different music and a different fill-in program," Wakeley said. "George Blaha will be back."

The Friday Night Marathon Dinner – formerly known as the Paddlers Dinner – has a lot more to offer marathon fans this year. The event – to be held on Friday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn – will include a hall of fame presentation and a drawing to select two starters for the 2006 AuSable Marathon.

Sabin said the dinner has gotten smaller over the years because "paddlers are the only ones to show up," possibly because people aren't aware that the public is welcome at the event.

"We are trying to change that perception," Wakeley said.

"We want the public to see the paddlers and see our sponsors," Sabin said.

In an effort to interest more people in attending the event, the 2006 Marathon Dinner will include the drawing and the hall of fame induction.

The Marathon Hall of Fame was created this year and will honor its first two members at the 2006 Marathon Dinner. The

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See "2006 AUSABLE..."



Robert Bradford, 63, of Lapeer, and Al Widing Sr., 81, of Mio – shown here during their sprint for starting position last year – comprise one of the 62 teams registered for the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon as of Monday, June 26. Combined, Bradford and Widing have paddled in 50 AuSable Marathons. The current record for most teams to start the AuSable Marathon is 68, set in 2000.



Paddlers enter the AuSable River at Ray's Canoe Livery for the start of the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon last summer.

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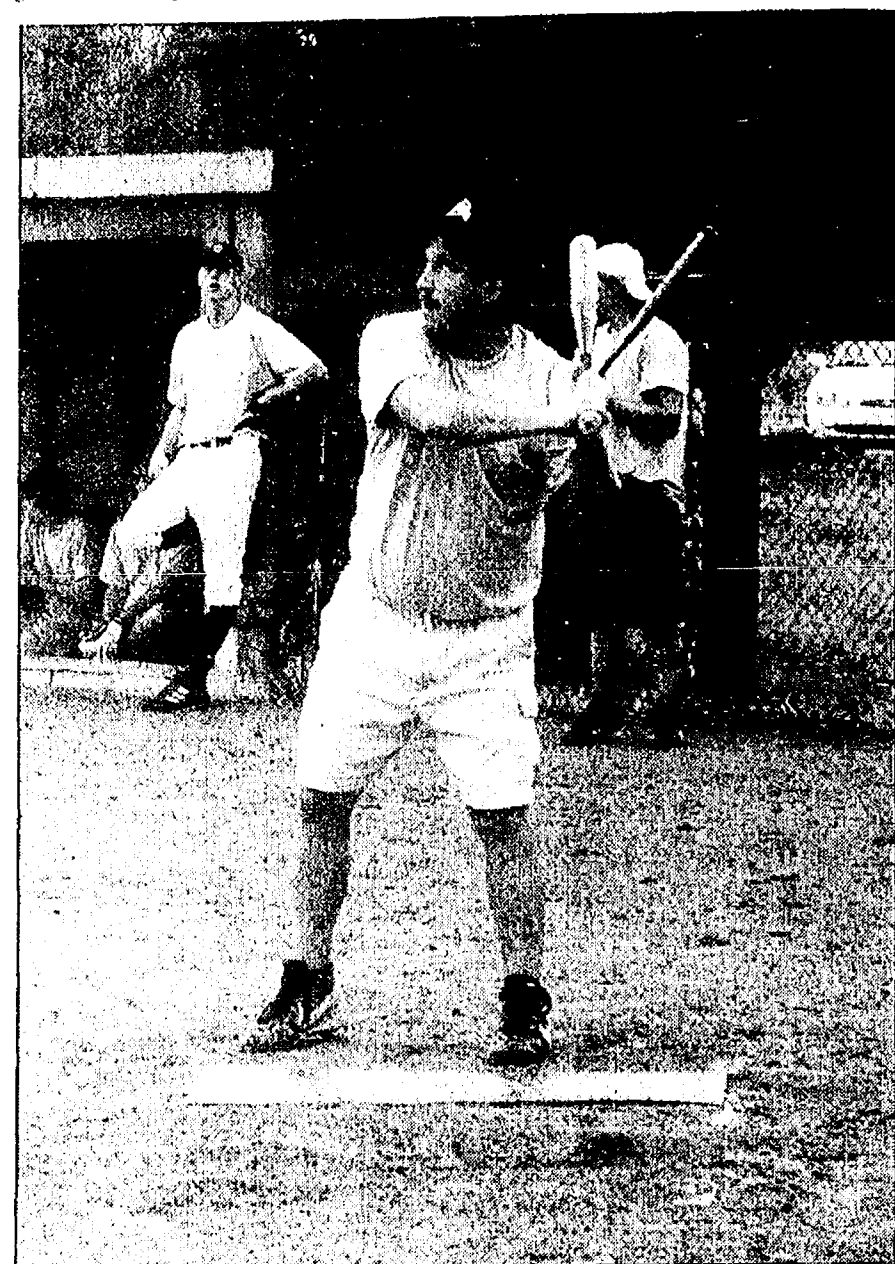
After six weeks of regular season play, the team standings for the 2006 Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league are as follows:

1. Big Gator	12-0
2. Tin Fish	10-2
3. American Legion	8-4
4. SMK/Gray Rock	7-5
5. Kodiak Group	6-6
6. World of Floors	5-7
7. Springs	2-10

SMK/Gray Rock and World of Floors split on Tuesday night. Tin Fish swept Kodiak Group on Wednesday, American Legion won both games vs. Springs on Thursday,

and Big Gator had a bye last week.

The league plays doubleheaders on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at Hanson Hills.



Craig Cobb bats for Kodiak Group and Darrell Metzger bats for Tin Fish during last Wednesday's GRA men's softball series at Hanson Hills.

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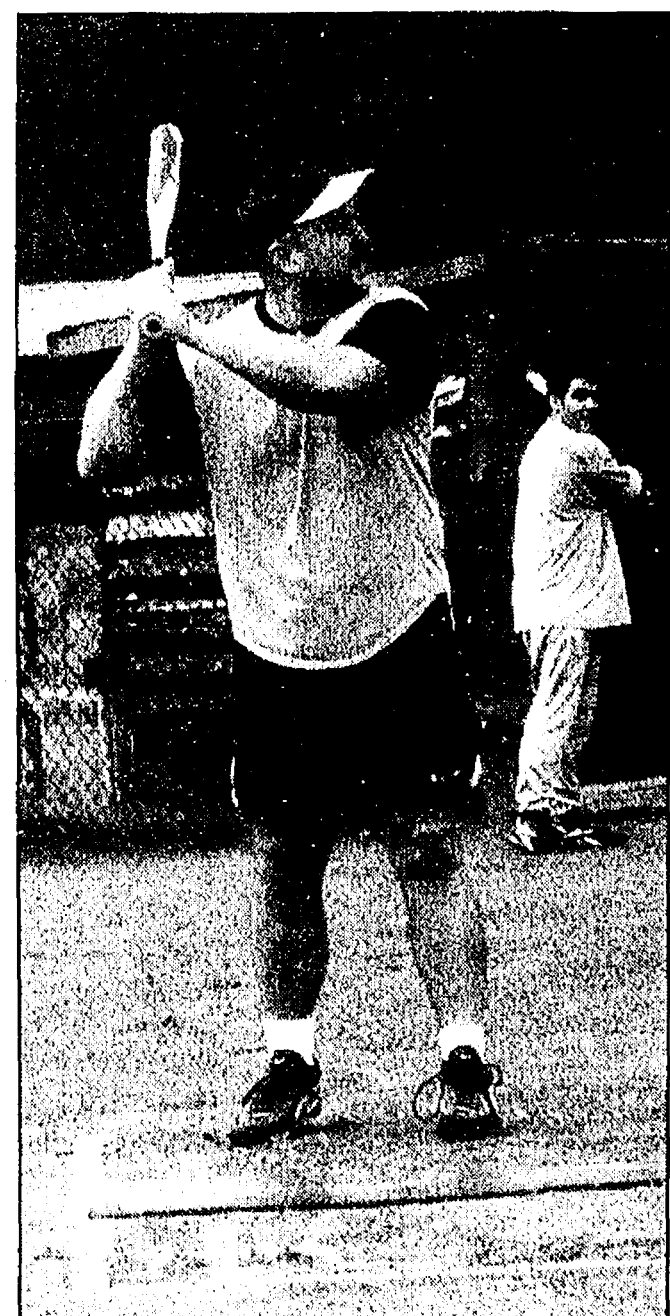
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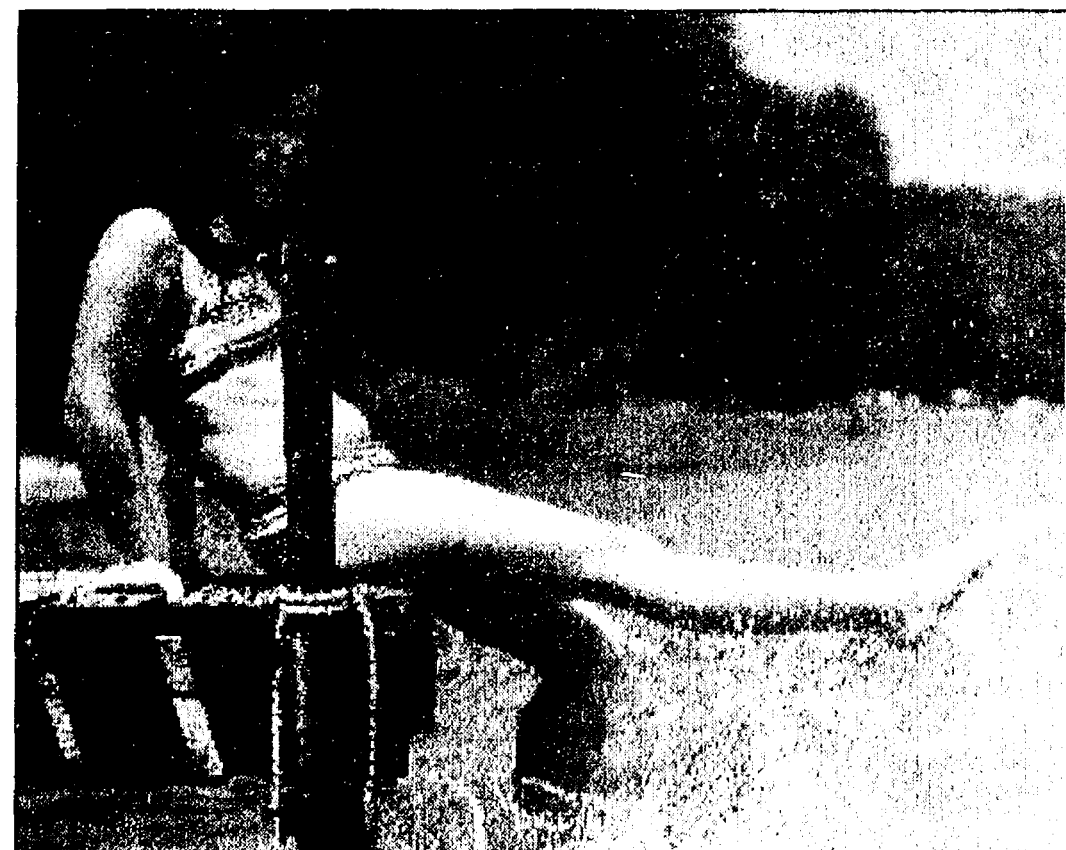
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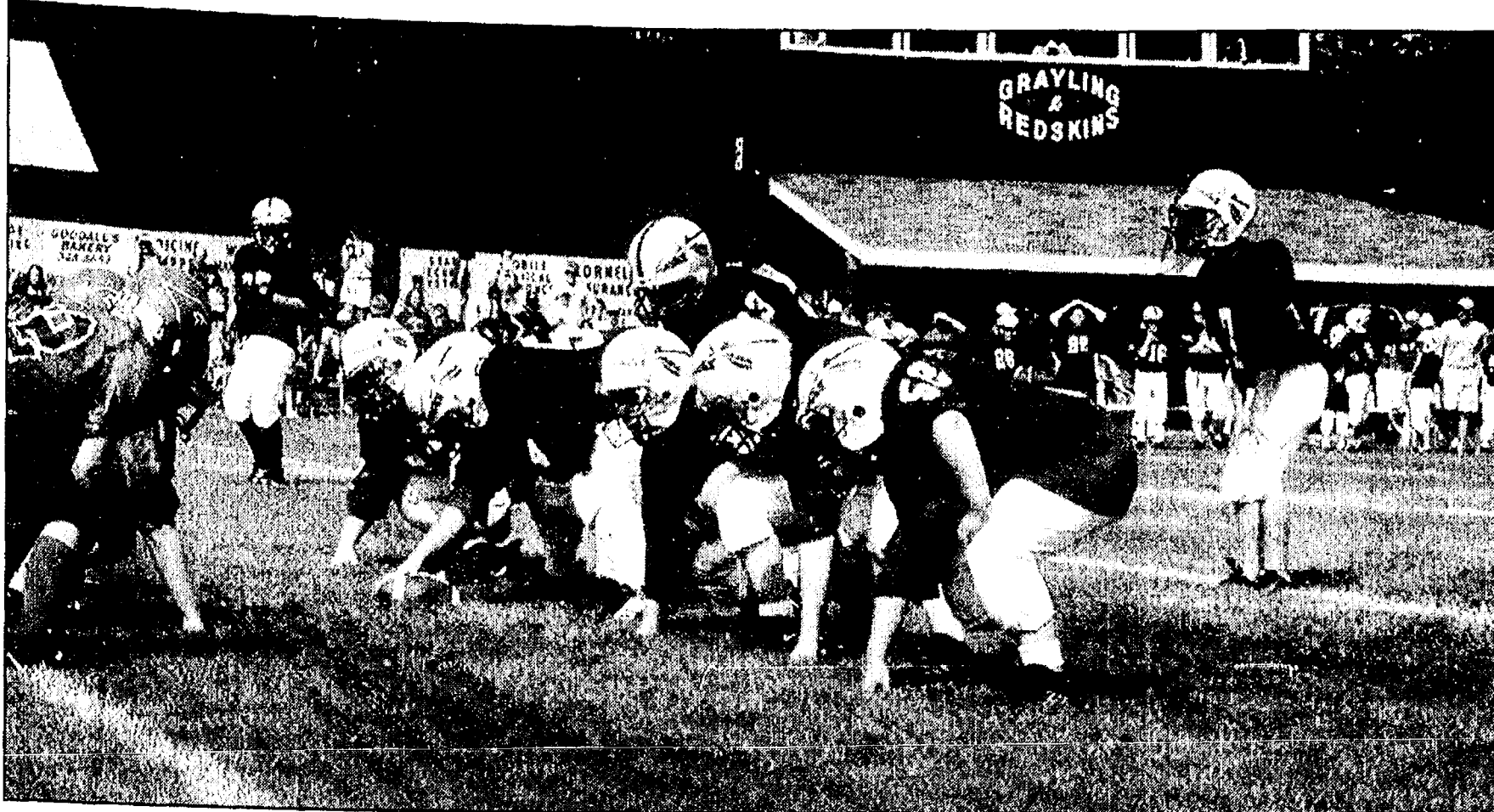
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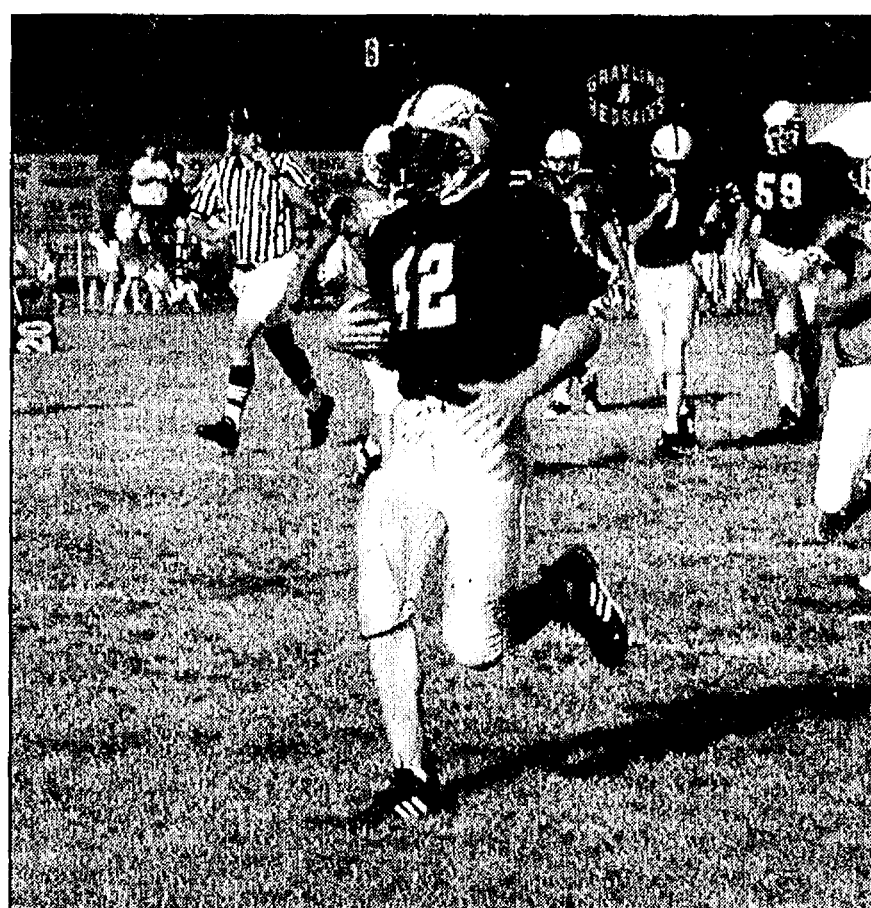
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Practices are scheduled to begin for this year's AuSable Football League (Grayling Redskins) on August 1, and the league is still accepting registrations for the 2006 season for players and cheerleaders.



Redskins players, cheerleaders can still sign up for 2006 season

■ **Registration is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8, ages 8-14**

The AuSable Football League (Grayling Redskins) is still accepting registrations for players and cheerleaders for the

upcoming 2006 season.

Redskins football and cheerleading squads are open to boys and girls in grades 3-8, ages 8-14.

Football players and cheerleaders can sign up by filling out the attached form and returning it, with appropriate payment, to

the Grayling AuSable Football League, Attn: Judy Morgan, P.O. Box 1089, Grayling, MI, 49738.

Physicals are required for AuSable Football League participants before they may practice. Practices are scheduled to begin on August 1.

The league's parents night

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GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, June 21, the first day of summer, we started out with very cool weather, overcast skies, and we stayed dry for seven holes. It started to mist a bit and then we saw blue skies peek through. They didn't last long but it made you feel like summer is truly here.

In Flight A, Lynda Hetrick, Joann Michal, and Sandy Winkle all had a low net of 34 while Treva McManahan and Sandy Winkle tied for low putts of 15.

In Flight B, Sharon France and

Sherry Hanson both had a low net of 35 and Sharon France and Bev McNamara tied for low putts of 15.

In Flight C, there was a tie for low net of 40 between Evie Kent and Mo McNamara while Shirley Schultz had low putts of 15.

There was one birdie today and that was by Joann Michal on #11. There were three chip-ins: Joann Michal on #11, Shirley Schultz on #10, and Balkis Shipley on #15.

After we enjoyed a nice lunch of a tuna melt with fruit and chips or chicken Caesar salad,

President Joann Michal then announced that the annual "Heart of the North" Tournament will be held on August 17 at the Pineview Golf Course in Houghton Lake with dinner following at the Elks Club there.

Sherry Hanson, our chairperson for the "Rally for a Cure" day, who always does such a fantastic job, said that we have almost 60 women turning out for this annual event. Everything is good to go, so we hope the weather stays nice for us.

Until next week, that's all "fore" now.

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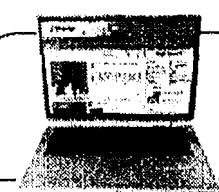


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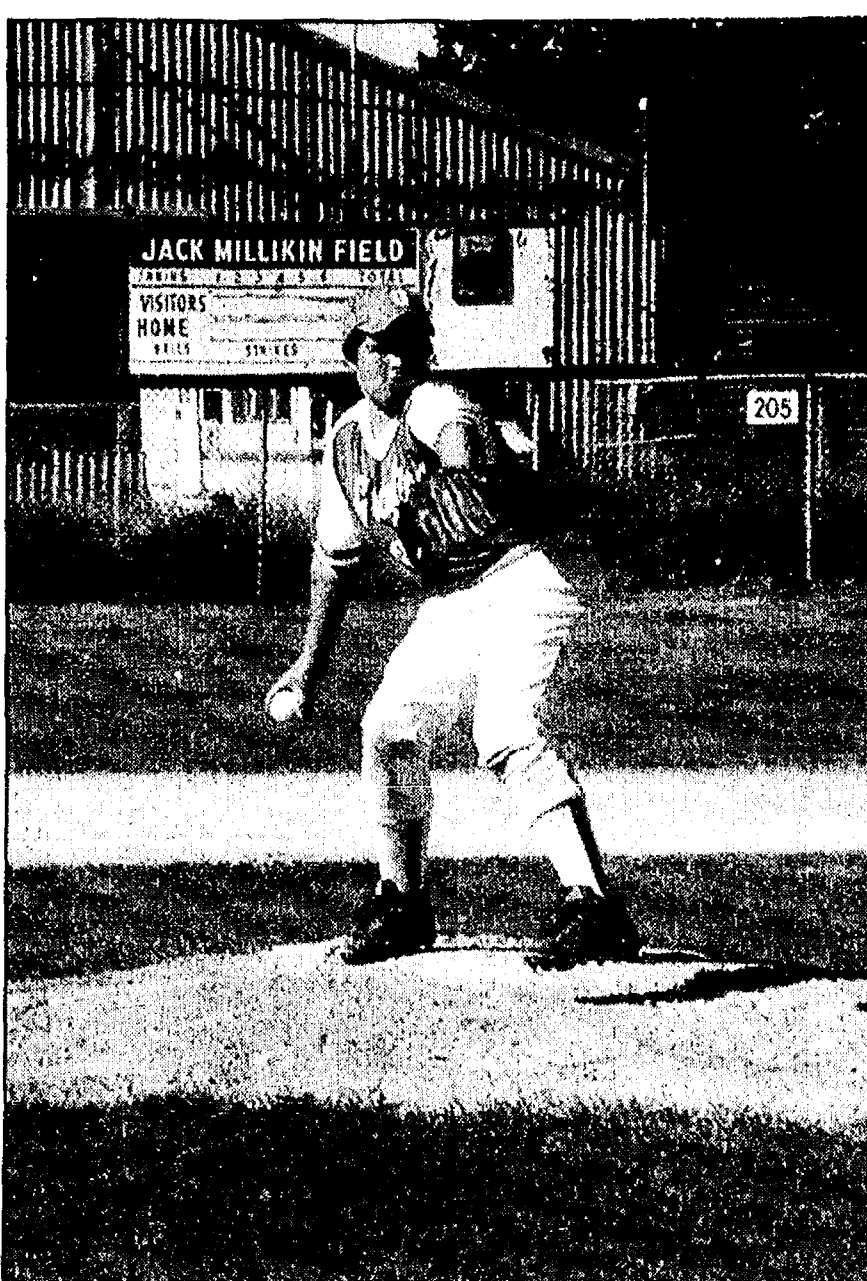
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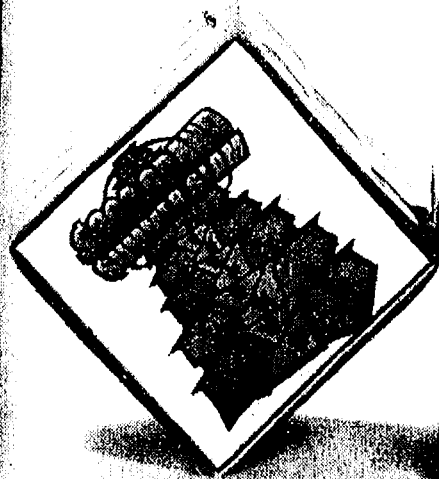
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(Left) Thomas Burrell pitches for Grayling Little League's all-star team during a game vs. West Branch on Friday, June 23, at Millikin Field. (Right) David Bergan bats for Grayling on Friday night. The game against West Branch was a semifinal contest of the league's 9th Annual Father's Day Tournament that got rained out last Sunday. West Branch won the game.

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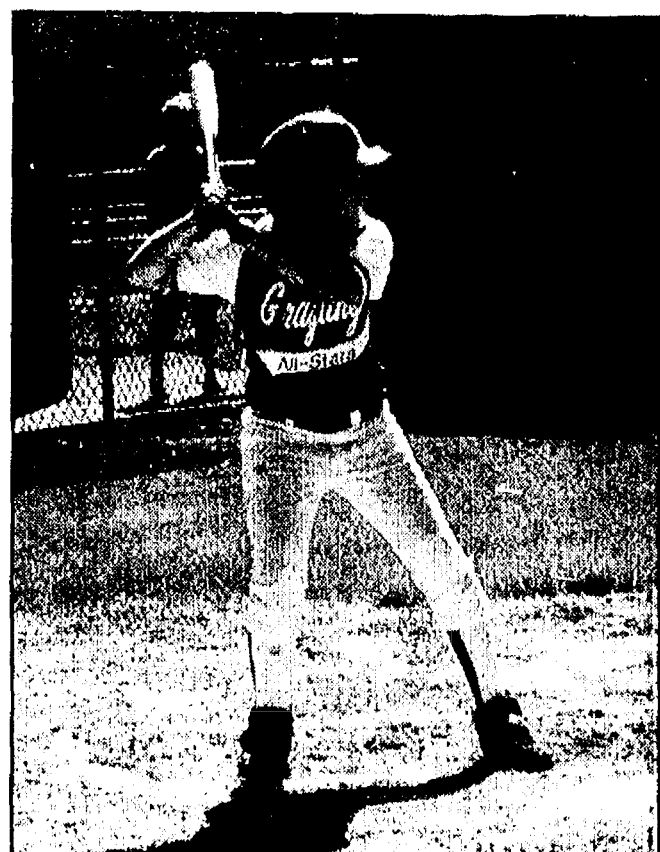
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Nick Scheer slides into home plate and scores a run for Grayling.



Kevin Harris (left) and Luke Schneider (right) bat for Grayling on Friday.

2006 AuSable Marathon on pace for largest starting field ever

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Inductees will include one man and one woman selected by a marathon subcommittee that has members from both Grayling and Oscoda.

"(The inductees) will either be racers or someone who's made significant contributions to the marathon," Wakeley said. "We think that'll be kind of neat."

Marathon Hall of Fame members will receive a plaque they can take home with them in addition to having their names placed on permanent plaques in both Grayling and Oscoda.

Wakeley said the names of the two inductees for 2006 will be announced prior to the Marathon Dinner.

The dinner will also include a drawing to determine two starters for the beginning of the 2006 AuSable Marathon. The starters will be on raised platforms on each side of the starting line, and will use their flags to release the paddlers for the run to the river at the beginning of the race on Saturday night.

In the past, the race had one person with flags in front of the racers to signify the start, and the person would run out of the way after signaling, Wakeley said. He said the drawing to select two starters was a good way to "do something different."

Sabin said it was a way to "get the community involved. It's their race."

Tickets for the Marathon Dinner are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 6-10). Tickets can be purchased at the AuSable Marathon office, which is located in the Grayling Mini Mall by the Secretary of State office. The marathon office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, July 10.

Another change to this year's marathon involves the program book and spectator guide. The committee decided not to print a spectator guide this year but will include parts of it in the program book. The spectator guide, published through the *Crawford County Avalanche*, included information on the race, sponsors, paddlers, and related events. Some of the spectator guide information will be included in the program book and some of it



This year's Time Trials for starting position will be held at Penrod's on Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28.

will be included in a special fold-out in the *Avalanche*, but the 20-page publication readers may be used to getting with their race-week newspaper will not be available this year.

Wakeley said the decision regarding the two publications was made "in an effort to better utilize" committee manpower and resources "and trying to come up with something different. We've been doing the same stuff over and over for so long."

The program book is expected to be ready July 18, Wakeley said.

Wakeley and Sabin said the marathon committee is ahead of schedule on many planning aspects of this year's events, but more help is always welcome — for this year's race and future marathons.

"We want to get people involved," Sabin said.

"The marathon committee is always looking for new blood, either as part of the committee structure year round or just to get involved in a certain aspect," Wakeley said. "If more people would get involved, it would be good for the community."

Sabin said the committee is in

the process of changing its structure, allowing for specialized subcommittees that can take care of certain aspects of the race on their own while not having to constantly check with the main committee.

"In the past it was a committee in whole. Now we have subcommittees. The subcommittees have control, which allows committee members to do their thing at their own pace," Sabin said.

"Sometimes it's a committee of one or two. They can make a decision and get it done, make some headway. That works pretty well," Wakeley said.

"I think we are ahead of prior years in getting things done," Sabin said.

"I think we're ahead of schedule," Wakeley said. "A lot of the preliminary stuff is out of the way earlier."

Wakeley said that anyone who would like to get involved with the marathon is encouraged to contact the race office at 348-4425.

With the list of competitors growing and fan interest at its peak, Wakeley and Sabin said the committee is trying to address some of the safety concerns asso-

ciated with the AuSable Marathon.

"There is a spectator issue we are concerned about — spectator behavior, particularly underenforcement drinking. All of the law enforcement agencies, we will meet with them and there will be a lot of discussion on that issue," Wakeley said.

"Drinking has become a safety issue. We're concerned that in some instances there's excessive drinking and we're concerned about safety," Sabin said, adding that public transportation is an option to help those following the race have a "neutral, sober" driver.

"We want everyone to follow the race and have fun, but just use common sense," Wakeley said.

The 59th AuSable River Canoe Marathon will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Time Trials — canoe sprints involving a looped course to determine starting position for the race's run to the river — will be held on Thursday, July 27, and Friday, July 28.

For more information on the AuSable Marathon, visit the event's official website: www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

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Trip # 2
Thursday, July 20, 2006
"Out to Lunch Gang"
Frankenmuth
Departing the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Trip # 3
Thursday, July 26, 2006
"Out to Lunch Gang"
Mackinaw City
Departing the Center at 10:00 a.m.
Lunch at the Mackinaw Senior Center
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:
Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.

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'Swampers' of Hartwick Pines will recreate baseball as it was played in the 1800s

Just like the resurgence of the Detroit Tigers, baseball is back again in Northern Michigan this summer in the form of the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club "Swampers" that plays Vintage Base Ball—baseball by the rules of 1860, at Hartwick Pines State Park. Come on out to cheer on the "Swampers" at base ball matches on Saturday, July 8, versus the "Mighty River Hogs" of Midland County; Sunday, August 13, against the Ludington Mariners; and Sunday, September 3, battling the Mount Clemens Regulars. All games begin at 1 p.m. and are played on the ballfield at the park's picnic area.

Unfamiliar with Vintage Base

Ball? First, you will note that base ball was spelled with two words in the 1800s. Second, while cheering on players with entertaining nicknames like Iron Burner, Snake Oil, Scribe, Maestro, Choppers, Splinter, and Squirrel Bite, you might notice that they are catching the ball bare-handed. That's right, no gloves! The baseball glove did not come into being until the late 1870s when the pitchers stopped tossing the ball underhand and started to throw it into the catcher, hard and fast. And now you can understand why they are also catching the ball on one bounce. That's right, catch it on a bounce and the batter is still out. Also, you will notice that the players

try not to slide or leave their feet, do not swear or spit and are respectful of the umpire's calls. These are just a few of the differences that you will notice from the early game as compared to modern baseball.

Join the ranks of the "Cranks" (19th century term for fans) at one of the matches of the Hartwick Pines Base Ball Club's "Swampers." These games are free of charge, however a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to Hartwick Pines State Park and are available at the park. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Rob Burg, the manager of the "Swampers" at (989) 348-2537 or by email at

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LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Special Meeting to Establish Rate Fees for Miscellaneous Permits

The Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding a Special Meeting July 13, 2006 in conjunction with their regularly scheduled Board Meeting commencing @ 10:00 a.m. at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648.

Purpose for the meeting is to set fee schedules for the following: Residential driveway permits, Permits for improving existing driveways, Multiple driveways, Commercial driveways and various other permits administered by the Crawford County Road Commission.

Notice posted June 20, 2006.

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Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Five And 28/100 Dollars (\$102,135.28), including interest at 7.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 26, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 49, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 22, 2006
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 12, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 491 feet of Outlet A of Red Dog Sub. Parcel A-1

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Dated: June 8, 2006
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 19, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 97, Creekview No. 2 According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 15, 2006
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirk Alan Wakefield and Vicki C. Wakefield, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to TCF National Bank successor by merger and/or name change to Great Lakes National Bank Michigan as successor by merger to Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mortgagee, dated October 14, 1985, and recorded on October 22, 1985 in Liber 239 on Page 252, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Four And 39/100 Dollars (\$19,484.39), including interest at 6.26% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 2, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 2, Sixth Addition of Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

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Grayling Twp. Zoning Board to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Board Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, July 17, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Township Hall to consider the following requests:

Case No. 06-11
Maritta Sue Carpenter (tabled from June 19)
(Represented locally by Dennis and Kim Bofysil)
6374 Kings Pointe Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Location 1417 Colorado Blvd.
Grayling MI 49738
T26N, R4W, Section 9
Prop. ID# 040-45-766-19-022-01
Lot size: 50' X 125' (6,250 sf.)
Zoning: General Residential (R-2)

Request: To construct an 18-foot by 30-foot attached garage. The closest point of construction to the north property line would be 4-feet, 6-inches, requiring a side setback variance of 5-feet, 6-inches. Existing, smaller garage is to be converted into a residential room.

Case No. 06-12
Ronald Allor
PO Box 681
Grayling, MI 49738
Location 1557 Old Dam Road
Grayling MI 49738
T26N, R4W, Section 12
Prop. ID# 040-42-012-09-145-00
Lot size: 215' X 215' (46,225 sf.)
Zoning: Natural River District

Request: To construct a 22-foot by 46 1/2-foot addition walkout basement and 3' exterior stairway. The closest point of construction to the river would be 77-feet, 1-inch requiring a (1st) front setback variance of 122-feet, 11-inches. The closet point of construction to the side property line would be 31-feet, requiring a (2nd) side setback of 9-feet.

Case No. 06-13
Michael & Sally McNamara
8635 W M-72 Hwy.
Grayling, MI 49738
Location Same
T26N, R4W, Section 10
Prop. ID# 040-42-010-08-160-00
Lot size: 1.99 acres
Zoning: General Residential (R-2)

Request: To construct a 30-foot by 40-foot detached accessory building for miscellaneous storage, which would exceed the maximum allowance accessory building footage by 816-square-feet.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2080 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Supervisor

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2006-07 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Grayling Township Hall: P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget Hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 2006-07 Budgets, amendment resolution for fiscal Year 2005-06, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE LANDOWNERS USING CAMERON BRIDGE ROAD FOR PROPERTY ACCESS

The Frederic Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00PM on July 10, 2006 at the Township Hall, 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, MI to reconsider the establishment of a special assessment district for the paving of Cameron Bridge Road from its intersection with North Lane Road to its intersection with Deward Road.

This will be the third public hearing held under PA 188 of 1954 that has become necessary due to a substantial increase in material costs. The purpose of this hearing will be for the board to determine if there is still adequate support for the project. Please plan to attend the hearing to register your comments or send a signed statement to:

Frederic Township
ATTN: Supervisor
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

Preliminary plans, district maps, and cost estimates are on file at the Township Hall.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen Arbour, a single woman, Mortgagor, to Conesco Finance Servicing Corp., Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2001, and recorded on September 11, 2001, in Liber 0552, Page 344, Crawford County Records, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Sixty-Four and 72/100 (\$46,064.72) Dollars, including interest at

12.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and are described as:

The South half of the South half of the North half of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter

of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, lying West of the highway right of way, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan. C/k/a 7800 South Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Parcel ID: 050-007-016-080-00.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 14, 2006

Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
n/k/a Green Tree Servicing, L.L.C.
Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

-22-29-6-13

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting June 14, 2006

Members Present: Shawn Krayces, Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Neal Michal, Chris Jones.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Innovation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2006 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for May was distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence and Reports: (No action required) Recycling Report for May 06, Building Dept. Report for May 06, Fire Dept. Report for May, Sheriff Dept. Marine Stats-2005, LMPOA Ripples for May 06, Bus. Retention Lunch with Jansen Warehousing- June 06, Business Retention Lunch J.C. Millikin- June 06.

4. Neal Michal addressed the board regarding funding of the 2006 River Festival Parade. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to contribute \$200.00 to the 2006 River Festival Parade fund. This amount will be raised to \$300.00 if all other local units of government (townships, city, county) agree to match pledge. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to table the proposal from the City of Grayling for resolution of old fire barn ownership. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Long seconded by Krayces to approve resolution to collect Summer 2006 taxes for the Crawford AuSable School District, Kirtland Community College and C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Long second Krayces, to appoint Chris Jones to fill the vacancy on the Grayling Recreation Authority Board created by Doug Slater's resignation due to other commitments. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to approve Beaver Creek's use of \$21,435.00 from Grayling Township's 2005-06 road allocation fund through the Crawford County Road Commission. The allocation shift will be added to three years of Beaver Creek Township's allocation to pave one mile of King Road between 4 and 5 Mile roads. Beaver Creek will reimburse this allocation with 2006-07 funds, if needed. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Krayces, second by O'Mara, to approve renewal of Charter Communication Franchise Agreement with Grayling Township for one year (June 3, 2007). All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to deny waiver of the Grayling Township Planning Commission board member meeting fees and public notice fees for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. Special Use permit Case "06-3SU heard on May 30, 2006. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Letter from J.C. Millikin of Jack Millikin, Inc. supporting development of a utility authority/district for Grayling and Beaver Creek Townships.

12. Motion by Long, second by Krayces, to authorize Supervisor to sign contracts with the Crawford County Road Commission for Margrethe Blvd and Ole Dam Road paving projects. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Krayces, second by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign Mutual Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township. All ayes, motion carried.

14. The Grayling Township 2006-07 Budget public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall.

15. Motion by Krayces, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 4379-4385, 4412-4447, Board & Comm. Fees \$1,035.00, and Liquor Inspection fees of \$120.00 for a grand total of \$40,789.43. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion to adjourn by Krayces, carried. All ayes.
Monica Ashton, C.M.C./
Grayling Township Clerk

FORECLOSURE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE -

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Wayne Memann and Laura Memann, to Delta Funding Corporation, a New York Corporation Mortgagee, dated January 26, 2000 and recorded February 23, 2000 in Liber 502 Page 59 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 2000-1, by assignment dated April 3, 2001 and recorded July 23, 2001 in Liber 543, Page 361, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$44,236.71) including interest 10.79% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, August 2, 2006. Said premises are situated in

Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 80 Feet of the South 300 Feet of the West One-Half of the East One-Half of the East One-Half of the Northeast One-Quarter of the Northwest One-Quarter of Section 2, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan Commonly known as 8544 West Cameron Bridge, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JUNE 20, 2006 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 2000-1 Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-49402 ASAP# 777511 06/29/2006, 07/06/2006, 07/13/2006, 07/20/2006, 07/27/2006 -29-6-13-20-27

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent Gabriel a/k/a Brent C. Gabriel and Tammy Gabriel, husband and wife, to Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2002 and recorded June 2, 2002 in Liber 586, Page 287, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Thirty-Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$85,032.50) including interest at 10.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 2, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as; Commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section: thence North 01 degree 04 minutes 19 seconds East 657.95 feet (recorded as 657.87 feet) along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 53 seconds West 306.64 feet (recorded as South 89 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds West 306.25 feet) to the Point of Beginning; thence North 17 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 282.65 feet; thence North 30 degrees 11 minutes 38 seconds West 446.06 feet to the South one-eighth of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds East 380.57 feet along said one-eighth line; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds East 75.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds East 85.37 feet parallel with said one-eighth line; thence South 16 degrees 47 minutes 21 seconds West 363.21 feet; thence South 12 degrees 13 minutes 47 seconds West 241.72 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress, and the cutting, trimming and removal of trees as necessary for the installation and maintenance of public utilities and private utilities, said easement being described as the Northerly 33 feet of the above described parcel, and further described according to the Map of Survey of Road and Utility Easements recorded in Liber 180, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: June 29, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 209.3659
-29-6-13-20-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas A. Kelley and Beth A. Kelley, husband and wife, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 1998 and recorded June 15, 1998 in Liber 456, Page 31, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citicorp Trust Bank fka Travelers Home Mortgage Services, Inc. dated 6/22/98 recorded 11/10/98 in Liber 467 Page 373 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred One and 01/100 Dollars (\$45,601.01) including interest at 11.14% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 26, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 35, Red Wing Terrace, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: June 22, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 201.3124

-22-29-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Gerald C. Hoeshli and Teresa D. Hoeshli, husband and wife to U.S.D.A. Rural Development f/k/a The Farmers Home Administration dated July 3, 1984 and recorded in Liber 226 page(s) 250. Said mortgage was subsequently assumed by John H. Boardway and Karen S. Boardway, husband and wife, in an agreement dated November 3, 1988. Said mortgage was subsequently assumed by Michael J. O'Connor and Lisa O'Connor in an agreement dated February 14, 1990.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Michael J. O'Connor and Lisa O'Connor, husband and wife, 126 MaryAnn, Grayling, Michigan 49736 to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Cooldge Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated February 14, 1990 and recorded on in Liber 307, Page(s) 289 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$81,622.87.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on August 2, 2006 at 10:00A.M. local time, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 8.75 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Grayling Township, to-wit:

A part of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, T26N, R3W, beginning at the SE corner of said tract and running thence N 89° 55' W on the South line thereof 120 feet; thence N 1° 20' E 120 feet; thence S 89° 55' E 120 feet to the East line thereof; thence S 1° 20' W along same 120 feet to P.O.B. Subject to Reservations, Restrictions and Easements of Record.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: June 29, 2006
For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright St., West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
2920 Blueberry Pl.
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 790-0994

-29-6-13-20

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is accepting bids for the replacement of the roof on the Grayling Fish Hatchery building and the removal, repair and reinstallation of the existing cupola on the roof. Bids for the removal, repair and reinstallation of the cupola are to be separate from bids for the roof repair. Different bidders may be successful for each portion of the project. Two bids on the cupola are required: one for removal, restoration and replacement and one for total reconstruction as exactly as possible to the original.

The successful bidder(s) must have the appropriate licenses and bonding; must demonstrate the ability to properly complete the work as specified; must be eligible to bid on US government funded projects; will obtain all necessary permits and comply with the 2003 Michigan Building Code.

Bids will be accepted until July 21, 2006. The project is to be completed by September 30, 2006. Project commencement is dependent on full funding.

For specifications and to arrange for on-site inspection contact Bruce Patrick at (989) 344-3258 or Gaye Pizzi at (989) 344-3235.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Crawford, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new county animal shelter and making related site improvements.

The bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and the full faith and credit of the County of Crawford will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The County of Crawford will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the amount of taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not exceed the limit authorized by law.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

The notice is given, by order of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Crawford, to and for the benefit of the electors of the County of Crawford in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the County of Crawford, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned County Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the County of Crawford qualified to vote and thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the County Clerk of the County of Crawford, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Sandra Moore, Clerk
County of Crawford

Volunteers needed at Recycling Center

Grayling Township is looking for people who may wish to volunteer time working at the recycling center on North Down River Road. All hours worked can count towards graduation requirements for students, and will satisfy mandatory community service requirements for persons on court probation.

Volunteers will work with a small team of employees sorting and baling recyclables and waiting on the public when they drop off items to be recycled. Any number of hours per week, from 8-to-48, are available for work.

Grayling Township is dedicated to recycling as an earth-friendly service which saves our natural resources and keeps reusable items out of our landfills. Since 1997, the Grayling Township Recycling Center has sent more than 8-million pounds of recyclable items back to markets for remanufacturing.

Interested persons may contact John Wotring at (89) 348-3195 at the recycling center, or Terry Wright at (989) 348-4361 at Grayling Township.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



These two Grayling girls race fast as the wind and started off the 4-H racing season with a bang, winning first-place ribbons between them in West Branch. Pictured (L to R) Jody Harwood and Shannon Isenhauer.

23 Years Ago
June 30, 1983

Barrie Engel was voted the Outstanding Senior Citizen for 1983 in countywide balloting. Laura Johnston was voted first runner-up and Howard Schmidt was second runner-up among seven nominees.

Cal Gates, owner of Gates AuSable Lodge, was recently awarded the "Outstanding Angler Award" by the West Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Nancy Lemmen received a "school bell" award for being named Teacher of the Year by the school board.

Rita McClain received a

"school bell" award for being nominated as Employee of the Year.

Grayling picked up a title at a summer basketball tournament in Houghton Lake with three straight wins. Viking head coach Butch Hayes said his squad won three straight games with only seven players. Wayne Ross, Jim Stewart, Paul Hamlin, Brad Naghtin, Rodney Patterson, Don Lange, and Dave Jung.

Grayling Township residents will have free dumping at the compactor after July 1. Grayling Township Supervisor Bernie Fowler said the board unanimously voted recently to

provide free compactor service beginning July 1. Tickets for several dumpings currently cost \$1.

Butch and Brett Stockton extended their winning streak at Windsor last weekend taking first Dave Shepherd, of Grayling, and Tony Short, a cousin of the Stocktons from Rose City, took third place. The Stocktons got off to a horrible start in last place fighting the Detroit River current while the other teams paddled in shallower water where the current wasn't as strong. It took them one hour of the two hour race to catch the other teams and finally take the lead from a Cincinnati team.

46 Years Ago
June 30, 1960

Days' Drive-In is open every day now, 11 a.m. to midnight through Labor Day.

It's the grand opening of Cason's Save-Way Laundry, with 32 washers, 13 dryers, 20¢ a load to wash and 10¢ a load to dry. Located next to Glen's market, locally owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cason.

Celebrate the fourth of July at Lake Valley Resort, featuring an outdoor ox roast, community song-fest, and outdoor dancing. Free fireworks at 9 p.m. Located between Grayling and Kalkaska, just off M-72.

Twenty-two members turned out last Wednesday for morning golf. Prizes were awarded for low score, won by Jean Schofield; and for low putts, Peg Milnes, Mary Jane Knibbs,

and Mary Pettingill each had 15 putts.

The Grayling Fire Department burned down two old sheds at 906 Park Street, at the request of the owners, the LaVern Perrys, in cooperation with the Grayling Community Improvement Association.

69 Years Ago
July 1, 1937

Workmen have just completed the installation of a new air conditioning plant in the Rialto Theatre.

Mrs Adolph Peterson has accepted a position with the W.P.A., the work is taking her into the northern counties.

One hundred sixty-six horses, in which it took nine railroad cars to convey them; came from the Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin divisions to be used during the maneuvers at the Military Camp.

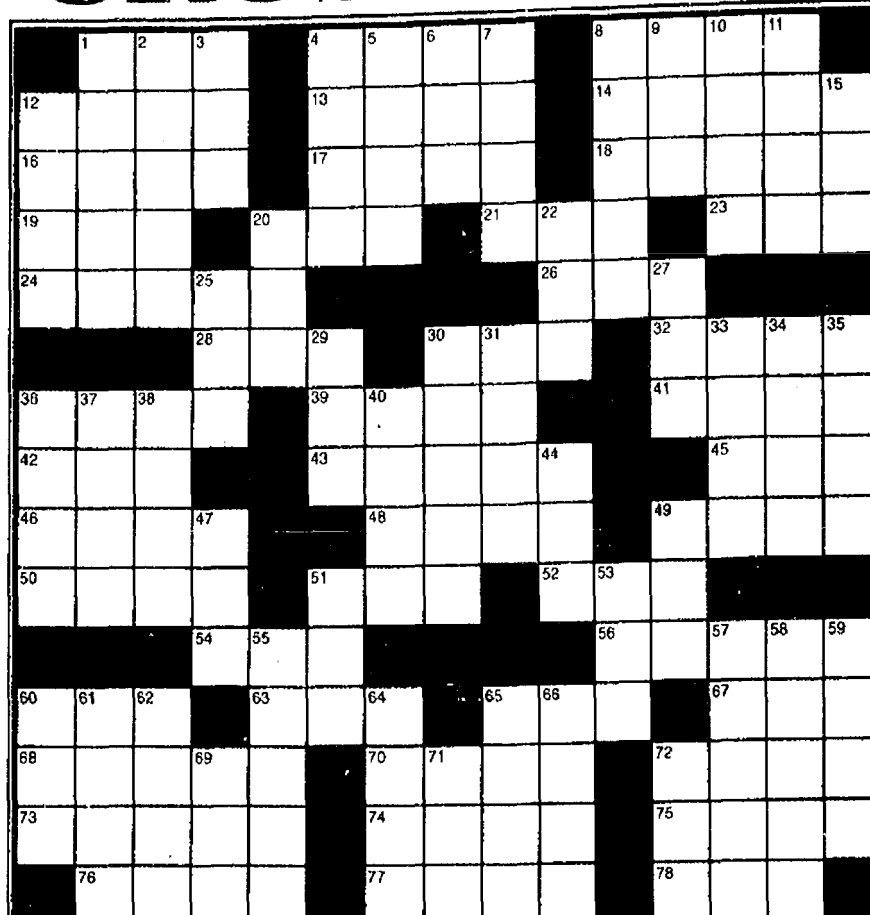
The auto owned by Calvin Church containing several valuable tools was stolen from in front of the Fischer Hotel, and was located in Detroit.

92 Years Ago
July 2, 1914

The building that is known as the McKay house that was purchased by R. Hanson some time ago and was moved to the southwest corner of the lot and is being overhauled, renovated and repaired and will be put into first class condition for a hotel.

Dr. W.H. Manwaring, of San Francisco, Calif., was a visitor in this town on Tuesday. He was a member of the first graduating class of Grayling High School.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Caress gently.
 4. Something besides.
 8. State bird of Hawaii.
 12. Not quickly.
 13. Muslim person of mixed Berber and Arab descent.
 14. African religious belief involving witchcraft.
 16. Agency responsible for spaceflight.
 17. Stripped atoms with a net positive charge.
 18. Excessively fat.
 19. Israeli sub-machine gun.
 20. Money dispensing machine.
 21. Acronym for European Monetary System.
 23. Small drops of water forming on the ground at night.
 24. Early form of tennis.
 26. Long church bench.
 28. Increase number of rotations per minute.
 30. Dusty residue from burning.
 32. In dull, steady pain.
 36. Sense of trust.
 39. Have a craving to do something.
 41. Greek goddess of the earth.
 42. Acronym for Interim Court Order.
 43. Swallowed.
 45. Greek god of shepherds and flocks.
 46. Studies intended to provide general knowledge and intellectual skills.
 48. Old English for a law.
 49. Toss with quick motion.
 50. Wines with a high amount of residual sugar.
 51. Signal that another piece of information is about to begin.
 52. Contest with an undecided winner.
 54. Existing thing.
 56. Vessel of liquor.
 60. Use diligently.
 63. Wife of Saturn.
 65. City in Iran.
 67. Bernard ... composer.
 68. Garlic mayonnaise.
 70. Journey in a circuit.
 72. Monetary unit of Malta.
 73. Crater on Mercury.
 74. Funeral notice.
 75. Without an irregularity.
 76. Small cyprinid fish.
 77. Acronym for Accelerate North Decelerate South.
 78. ... Nasmith, Tolkien illustrator.
- Down
1. Public square with room for pedestrians.
 2. Dye derived from coal tar.
 3. Acronym for Time Weighted Average.
 4. Give off.
 5. Section of car between the blade and handle.
 6. Male offspring.
 7. Gaelic.
 8. Snare.
 9. Decline.
 10. State requiring relief.
 11. Lesson discomfort.
 12. Refuse to acknowledge.
 15. Cut down.
 20. Affirmative.
 22. Speedometer reading for the momentary rate of travel.
 25. Humorously sarcastic.
 27. Move from side to side.
 29. Strive for superiority.
 30. Seemed to be.
 31. Get rid of.
 33. Piece of land sticking out into a body of water.
 34. Listen and pay attention.
 35. American.
 36. Oman money.
 37. Very light brown.
 38. Large amounts.
 40. Mountain lake formed by glaciers.
 44. Player's final golf score minus the handicap.
 47. 1965 film starring Ursula Andress.
 49. Artificial flow of water.
 51. Egyptian snake.
 53. Foolish doctrine.
 55. Unwanted sound.
 57. Diagonal rib of a gothic vault.
 58. Furnished with oars.
 59. Arrangement scheme.
 60. Add details to.
 61. German art song for solo voice and piano.
 62. Indian word for "union."
 64. Portico.
 65. Slang for a "pound sterling."
 66. Fragments.
 69. Scarlet resinous secretion of the insect lacifer lacca.
 71. Acronym for Open Business Network.
 72. Stroke that doesn't count and must be replayed.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



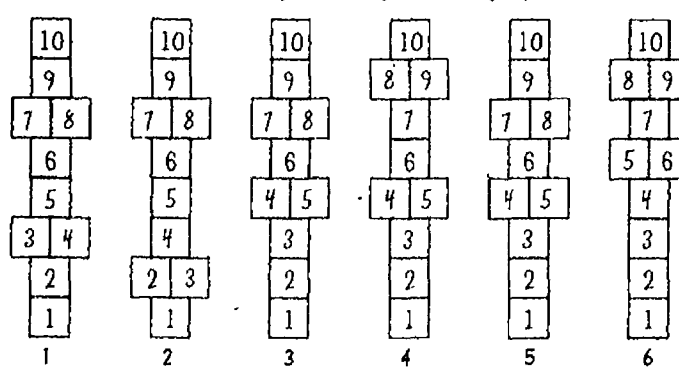
Turkey and Avocado Sandwich Wedges

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| 1 | round flat sourdough bread loaf | 1 | pound thinly sliced smoked turkey |
| 2 | large Hass avocados, peeled and seeded, divided | 3 | thin red onion slices, separated into rings |
| 3 | Tbsp. salsa | 3 | pepper jack cheese slices |
| 3 | (6 by 1 1/2-inch) strips roasted red pepper | 2 | romaine lettuce leaves |

Cut a circle out of the top of the bread; tear out the inside of the bread in the bottom section to make a shell. Mash one avocado and mix with salsa; spread over the bottom of the bread. Layer pepper strips, onions, cheese and half the turkey inside the bread. Slice the remaining avocado and place on top of the cheese. Top with lettuce and remaining turkey. Replace the bread top and press down firmly to compress ingredients. Wrap tightly and refrigerate until ready to serve. Cut into wedges just before serving.



FIND THE TWINS WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Napoleon III suffered from ailurophobia, which is a fear of cats.



HOROSCOPES

For the week of June 29, 2006



December 22-January 19

A change in a coworker's good nature signals a problem. Don't pry unless you intend to stay for the duration. Plans for a mini vacation get underway over the weekend.



March 21-April 19

Listen up, Aries. A young relative has been trashing members of the family. Confront them and ask them to stop. Peace in the family will be worth the risk of their backlash.



June 22-July 22

Sympathy takes on new meaning this week, Cancer, as you are put in the middle of a tense situation. Wait it out. It will be over before you know it.



September 23-October 22

Traces of times gone by make you nostalgic. Call up some old buddies and invite them over for a trip down memory lane. The laughs will be many.



January 20-February 18

Get with it, Aquarius. A home improvement project is calling. Call in favors and round up the troops. A memo sets the stage for a week of intrigue.



April 20-May 20

Honesty takes precedence over all else this week. Don't hold anything back and forge ahead with fury. A love triangle hits a major snag.



July 23-August 22

Responsibility rears its ugly head this week and you must turn down invitation after invitation. Never fear. More are coming and you won't be so busy then.



October 23-November 21

Snap out of it, Scorpio. You're lost in your own world, but a loved one needs your help. Go to their rescue. An auto issue turns out to be less than you thought.



February 19-March 20

Initial tests prove wrong and success is yours. Celebrate with a night on the town. A special pal deserves a grand sendoff. Party like you never have before.



May 21-June 21

Love faces tremendous odds this week, Gemini, as a fight ensues at home that proves impossible to fix. Stand back, give everyone a chance to breathe and then proceed.



August 23-September 22

Ha-ha, Virgo. An older relative makes mischief. Take it in stride. Their intentions are good. A chance meeting turns into a major coup for your boss.



November 22-December 21

A fallout with a buddy draws you inward. Don't come out until you are ready to face the world again. A make-or-break situation tops off the week at work.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Cricket
is a 9 month old Beagle mix. She is a pretty girl with wonderful blue eyes. Cricket is good with other dogs, playful and active. She is spayed and up to date on her shots.

Jarvis

Jarvis is a 3 - 4 year old hound mix. This handsome guy is affectionate and easy going. Jarvis has already been neutered and is ready for a forever home.



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Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip.
6/21	77	48	0.22
6/22	73	58	0.10
6/23	77	43	0
6/24	70	42	0
6/25	76	50	0
6/26	71	55	0.04
6/27	76	54	0.69

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 73 Low 53	High 78 Low 58	High 78 Low 55	High 81 Low 55	High 80 Low 56	High 79 Low 56
Showers	Isolated T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Mostly Sunny

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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate



Sherri Gallagher
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989-348-6481

A-frame on wooded lot



A-Frame chalet on wooded lot, only .4 miles from Higgins Lake and Lyon Township lakefront park! Property features a large 2-car garage with an eight foot door and second story storage. Chalet is in need of finish-up work, has been recently insulated and has a newer wood-burning stove in great room. 15% of purchase price may be available in closing cost to buyer. Address: 336 Boucher, Higgins Lake, MI 49627 #243538 \$56,900

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1. Real Estate

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FOR SALE mobile home, Detroit, 14 x 65, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, suitable for hunting cabin, rebuilt furnace. \$300/OBO. 877-365-2006. (LR8/31/06/1)

FREE first 3 months, mobile home lot. Relocate your mobile home. 2.5 acres located on M-72 near Burtons Landing. 14 x 65 concrete slab with utility hook up. \$300 per month. 877-365-2006. (LR8/31/06/1)

3 BEDROOM 1 bath, 1,120 sq. ft. chalet, 32 x 26 garage. Close to town, \$118,000. Call 989-348-2823. (-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06t/1)

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1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

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SECLUDED 2 BEDROOM CHALET with spacious loft, 5 acres hardwoods, huge 2 story garage. Near AuSable main stream, 7 miles east of Grayling. Must sell, \$124,000. 989-390-4047. (LR7/13/06/1)

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MANISTEE LAKE AREA Cute cabin in very private setting with one acre, yet walk to Manistee Lake. Screened porch for watching wildlife, creek, 2 bedrooms, \$84,900. Dave Felker 45th Parallel Realty Elk Rapids 231-649-3667. (-29-6/1)

TWO LARGE adjacent lots in Uppnorthe #3, \$4,750 each or \$9,000 for both. Five lots in Little Richard's Estates, 3 miles north of Roscommon, \$6,500 each. Land contract terms available. 989-821-5900. (-29-6/1)

2. For Rent

VACATION COTTAGE near Lake Margrethe, fully furnished, very nice, non smoking, nightly or weekly. 348-7873. 348-7873. (-29-6-13/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03t/2)

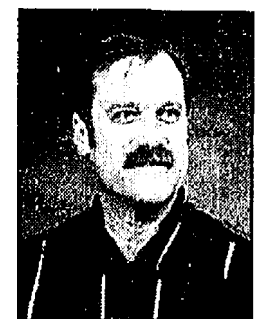
4 RENT OR SALE mobile homes, \$450 and up, or \$2,000 and up. 348-5278. (3/16/06t/2)

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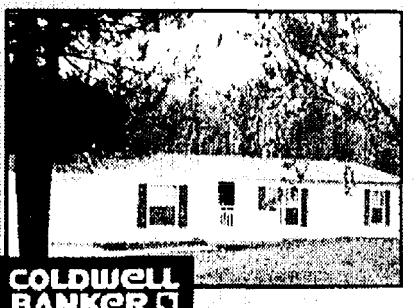
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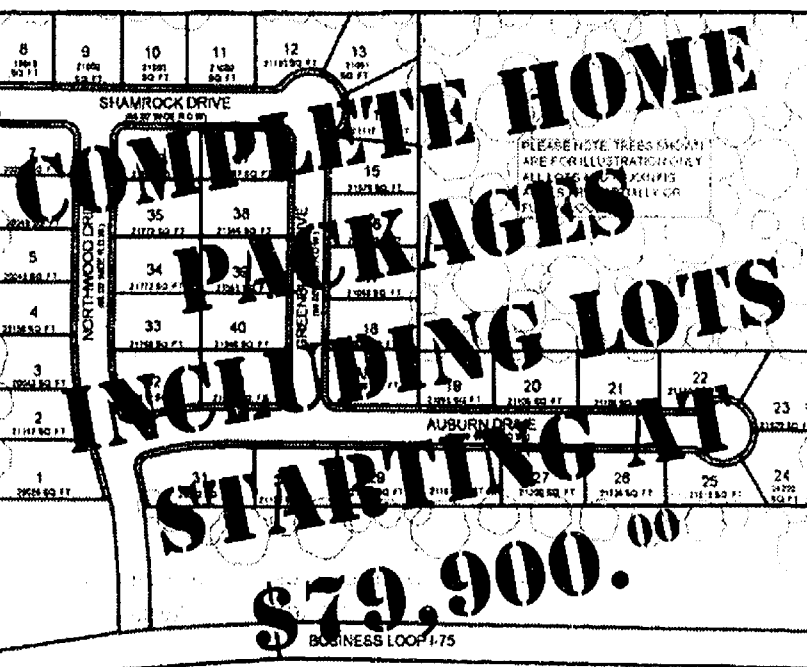
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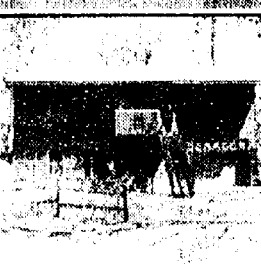
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A RARE FIND WITH STUNNING & CAPTURING VIEWS FROM ALMOST EVERY ROOM. 30 beautifully wooded acres plus over a 1/4 mile ranch on Kalka Creek. A very nice ranch home with full walkout upper levels, new stone and refrig. Double city lot, extra lot is vacant and is included in this listing. Lower & upper levels have been recently finished. Home is currently vacant and ready for immediate occupancy. Lower \$475,000/upper \$525 w/partial utilities. \$99,500 DBB-2309

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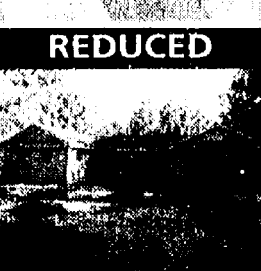
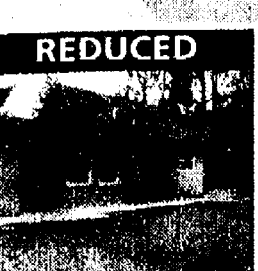
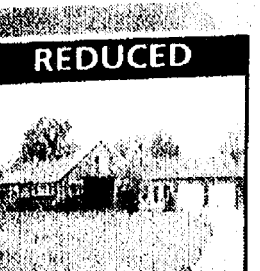
QUALITY CONSTRUCTED RANCH HOME. Situated on 5 acres and offering a full basement, 1.5 baths, Pella Windows, Hickory Kitchen cabinets, PLUS an over one quarter built 30' x 40' Pole Building (with 4 windows and 12x9 door). Vaulted ceiling in kitchen, dining and living room. All Anderson windows, well equipped gas LP freestanding fireplace w/blower, solid birch interior doors, plus spacious vinyl floor deck. All appliances included. Furnishings are negotiable. Set back off the road in an extremely quiet setting. Appointment necessary. \$131,900 DBB-2357



PERFECT RETIREMENT OR HOBBY FARM ENTHUSIASTS & within walking distance to the AuSable River. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths with over 1800 sq. ft. All situated on 5+ acres. Very nicely maintained ranch home offering a large bedroom suite, family room, 30x40 garage, plus 2 sheds, an abundance of privacy and close to town. Appl. necessary. DBB-2362 \$124,900

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WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO LAKE MARGRETHE. Four bedroom, 3 bath home offers a very nice wood clad setting with extensive decking overlooking the pond. Dining room with 3 sides of windows, pine trim, Berber carpeting and a floor plan that offers 2 kitchens. Perfect for a full separate living area on the lower level, or great if used for extra weekend company. Attached garage, immediate occupancy. DBB-2347 \$169,000



BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM FULL LOG HOME on the 12th fairway of Fox Run Estates. All knotty pine & log interior; large & spacious kitchen w/island and built-ins. Cathedral ceilings, open fireplace and fieldstone fireplace. 10ft. plus attached year around breezeway. Truly a "must see"! DBB-2148 \$219,500

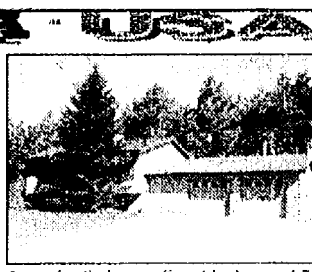
PERFECT RECREATIONAL RETREAT or 3 bedroom residential home. New vinyl siding, new windows, and central air. Pool is only 5 years old, plus a fairly new furnace in the basement. Attached garage with wood floor. Put your extras in the 30'x40' POLE BARN. Within walking distance to the West Branch of Big Creek. \$89,900 DBB-2117

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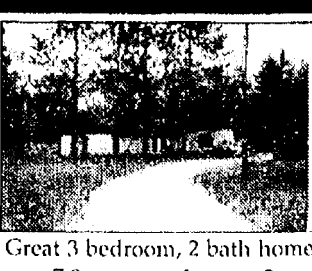


This charming older home has lots of room for a growing family. Some furnishings stay. Original wood floors, drywall, paneling and all plaster on 2nd floor. Large foyer on 2nd floor and lots of built-in storage throughout. Enclosed front and side porches. Chimney needs TLC, but otherwise a turn-key home. #241964 \$75,900



Large family home offers 4 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, 2.5 car attached garage, Natural Gas, Hardwood Floors and Wood Stove. This home is located near the schools, golf course, and Higgins Lake. Home needs a little TLC but priced right. Home Warranty included. Pared #3, Golf Crest View. Sub also available for \$5,900. #242951 \$99,900

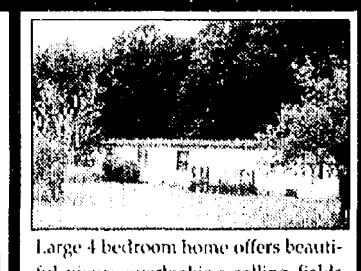
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Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 7.9 acres. Large 2-car garage, 1 room cabin for guests, about 3 acres fenced in for horses. 4 stalls attached to garage. #242494 \$139,000



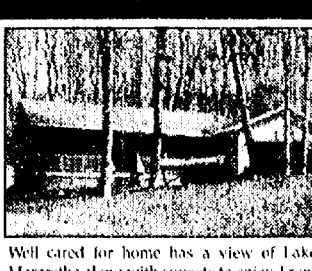
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Large 4 bedroom home offers beautiful views overlooking rolling fields and hard to find hardwoods. This country home has family room, central air, appliances, 3 car attached garage with metal roof, deck and more. #245771 \$147,000



Great up north getaway. 1 bedroom, possibly 2 more. Covered porch, large 30' x 30' garage. Lots of trails just minutes away. #242342 \$79,500

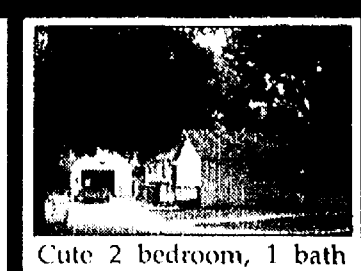


Well cared for home has a view of Lake Margrethe along with sunset to enjoy. Front porch is covered and gives the length of the house. The garage is heated, drywalled, and insulated. The inside has vaulted ceilings & a master suite that opens onto a deck, walk-in closets and a large crawl space. Landscaped and perennials throughout the property. #241080 \$145,000

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This ready-to-move-in home awaits you! Mostly furnished, all appliances included, large enclosed front porch with great view, nice sun room with woodwork view. This all sits on a large landscaped corner lot within walking distance to the public access of Lake Margrethe. Very nice neighborhood. #244614 \$135,000



Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with many updates. Drywall, paint, roof. Perfect starter home. #245765 \$64,900



2. For Rent

SMALL 2 BEDROOM 1 bath house, near lake. Very clean, non-smoking, no pets, washer/dryer hookup. 989-348-6801. (5/11/06tf/2)

3 BEDROOM RANCH good neighborhood, large garage, recently remodeled. \$695, rental and employment references. 348 Red Tail Hawk Loop, non-smoking. 348-2178. (6/8/06tf/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT 1 1/2 baths, lots of amenities. \$630 a month plus security deposit, no pets. 989-344-9070. (LR6/29/06/2)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM HOUSE in country, 2 miles north of Higgins Lake, clean, private. \$500, plus security deposit, plus references. 989-275-4126. (-22-29/2)

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2. For Rent

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ONE BEDROOM HOUSE with garage and large yard, propane and wood heat, stove, refrigerator, trash pick up, snow blowing, lawn mowing. \$400 monthly, plus deposit. Call 989-348-2458. (-29/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath, northeast of Grayling. \$600 a month, \$600 security deposit. Washer/dryer, appliances, propane included, surrounded by state land, lake access, non-smoking, credit check, references required. 989-348-6507. (-29-6-13/2)

3. Employment

DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ASSURANCE Hilltop Manor Healthcare Center, a 118 bed skilled nursing facility, is seeking an experienced professional to lead all quality assessment and assurance initiatives. Duties include: survey preparation and management, policy review and compliance, customer satisfaction programs, and initiatives regarding improved patient care outcomes. Candidates considered will be an RN with 5 years of nursing experience and preferably have long term care experience. Please send cover letter and resume to Diane McGourty, Administrator, Hilltop Manor Healthcare Center, 1290 East Michigan Hwy, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-8936. (-29-6/3)

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3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: June 19, 2006. Position: Grayling Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Qualifications: Basketball background in playing and/or coaching organized basketball. Additional information available at 403 E. Michigan Avenue. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., July 3, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-22-29/3)

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3. Employment

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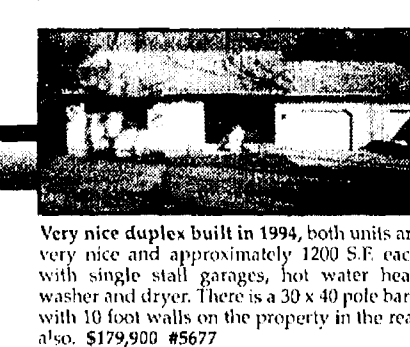
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Very nice duplex built in 1994, both units are very nice and approximately 1200 S.F. each with single stall garages, hot water heat, washer and dryer. There is a 30 x 40 pole barn with 10 foot walls on the property in the rear also. \$179,900 #5677

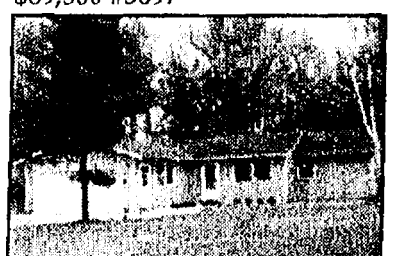
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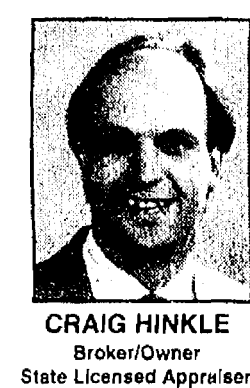
1. Real Estate



Great Location and Floor Plan! The master bedroom suite with private bath is on the west end, the other two bedrooms and bath are on the east end of this home. Open living, kitchen area, sun-room, insulated and heated 2 car garage, many new updates! \$89,500 #5697



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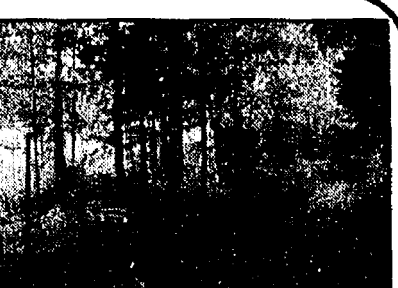
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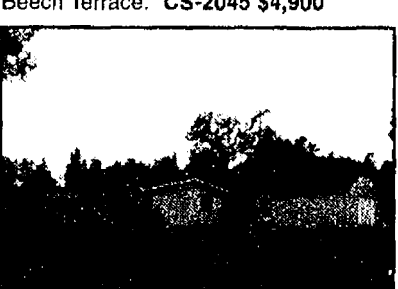
ZONED R-2 IDEAL FOR IN-HOME BUSINESS/OFFICE fronting Michigan Avenue. Spotless 2,082 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 2 bath, family home with full finished basement, spacious kitchen, formal dining room, and laundry on main level. 20x24 detached garage, enclosed front porch, large covered deck and fenced yard. 60x120 adjacent lot with garage fronting Maple Street available for \$21,500. Home purchaser shall have first right to purchase. \$137,500 CH-2184



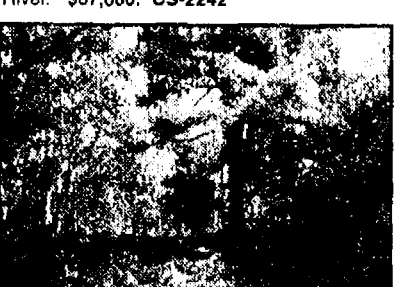
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION Charming home, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Newly remodeled, large living room, nice back yard, covered front porch, dock in back, copper window flower boxes, very nice. Turn key. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2313 \$89,500



LOTS 16-21, BLOCK 4 OF 4TH ADDITION PORTAGE LAKE PARK. Nice Mixture of pines and hardwoods on flat terrain. Electricity and access road both on Eagle Point Road. Directions to Property: M-72 West to left on Eagle Point Road to right at RE/MAX sign on Beech Terrace. CS-2045 \$4,900



AFFORDABLE HOME IN NICE SUBDIVISION This home offers 1,056 sq. ft. with 2-3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Features include a nice kitchen with oak cabinets, full basement that is dry walled with family room and additional room. Large deck with privacy fence. 3 lots total. Appliances include stove, refrigerator with ice and water maker. Nice subdivision with private access to the famous Manistee River. \$67,000. CS-2242



CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS. A mixture of hardwoods and pines cover this rolling terrain, with electricity available at road. Off of Switzer Blvd., CS-2202 \$8,000



LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY? This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x 120). Hardwood floors. Large tree-ways, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. New vinyl siding. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! CS-2192 \$74,500

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Rock Bottom Price!! 27 Acres, 8 bedrooms, 3 baths, over 4,000 sq. ft. This is not a fixer upper. Lower level needs a little TLC otherwise the home is in very good condition. Home features 2 kitchens, 2 living rooms and more! \$169,900 #5714



Make an appointment to see this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a large living room w/fireplace and glass door to extensive back deck. Large yard & deeded easement to 600 feet of the Manistee River. \$127,500 #5591



Pride of ownership highlights this 1972 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home. Home has top quality mechanical and structural features. Additionally a nicely landscaped 4 acres harbors a 30 x 40 2 story heated garage, 26 x 28 garage. Priced to sell \$169,900. #5602

Location is key to any business... Vacant Lot Available on the I-75 Business Loop, between KFC and the Admiral. This rare find could be a great investment for your future. Zoned C-3 Commercial Highway. \$385,000 #5718



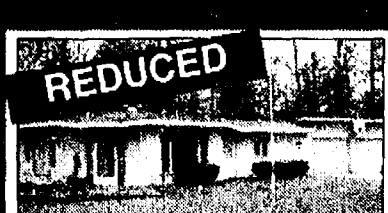
NEW LISTING
Very nice, clean 3 bedroom mobile located right in the heart of all your recreational needs. Home features large stick built main bedroom addition, a new septic in 2004. County maintained paved road, AuSable Woods association amenities. \$44,900 #5679



Wow!!! 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home with a large riverside deck setting only 60' from the AuSable River and one mile from the snowmobile trails. Perfect for 4 season fun or a full-time home. #5596 \$129,500



10 acres of beautiful hardwoods. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offers new carpet, fresh paint, new deck... the owner has done everything right for you to move right in. There is a 2 car garage, and a fire-pit area. Located on a dirt county maintained road. \$115,000 #5660



REDUCED
Tired of looking at HUM DRUM houses with NO character? This 3 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath home has CHARACTER A-PLenty!! A huge, beautifully wooded lot; vaulted, beamed ceilings; large kitchen; recently remodeled baths; close to the AuSable River and nature trails. HOME WARRANTY! #5683 \$79,900



Immaculate home located on 2.26 acres with 122 feet of frontage on the upper AuSable River. Home features four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite with hot tub, covered deck overlooking the river, an attached and a detached garage. \$145,000 #5539



COMMERCIAL
Building is only 3 miles from I-75 exit 259. 3600 sq ft unit has 4 10 x 12 grade level doors and 1 dock level door with dock leveler and seal. Includes an ADA restroom and small (8x20) office. Efficient overhead gas radiant tube heat. \$6.00 per sq ft gross lease. Owner is a licensed real estate agent. #5618 \$6.00 SF

Wonderful lot for your get-a-way, a full time home... or just keep the garage for storage and camp out! This is a gorgeous wooded lot with electricity already on site. Steps away from Blue Gill Lake and less than a mile away from Big Badfoot Lake. \$35,000 #5655

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4. Services Offered

EQUIPMENT RENTAL
Kabota backhoe/loader, by the day or week. \$150, delivery available. Call 989-348-9714. (LR7/27/06/4)

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SEWING, ZIPPERS, MEND-ING quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (LR7/6/06/4)

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Yard work, landscaping, raking, mowing, painting, detailing, washing, waxing, cars, trucks, vans. Will make them sparkle inside, and shine outside. 348-5081. (LR6/29/06/4)

CARPET INSTALLER has several roll's of carpet and vinyl in stock. Carpet starting at \$12.99 per yard, installed. Also, re-stretches, repairs, and installation, plus custom tile work. 348-4768. (6/22/06t/4)

3. Employment**SATELLITE TV TECHNICIANS**

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D. HAWES Northern Driving School--NDS will be offering Segment I and Segment II courses during the spring/summer months. Classes will be held in Grayling on May 1, June 12, and July 6. Roscommon: April 12, June 12, and August 1. Mio: April 12 and June 12. Classes forming now, call for information. Newer model cars and certified, professional instructors. No book fees and no hidden costs. (989) 344-2470. (3/30/06t/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVE-MENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04t/4)

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3. Employment**LANDSCAPING & BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT!**

A real estate development company is looking for a number of people who enjoy working in the woods. Position includes brush clearing & chain saw work. Some travel and valid drivers license required. These are full-time, seasonal positions. For an interview, call Bob at 989-705-1155.

MERCY HOME CARE**MERCY HOSPICE****Hospice Clinical Manager - Full Time**

Full time Hospice Clinical Manager responsibilities include: coordinating and managing the daily workload and documentation of staff, assisting with coordination of services and utilization of community resources, identifying individual client need for all types of Hospice care, assigning a primary nurse to each new client, initiating appropriate Hospice services based upon screening and assessment results, maintaining documentation on client care, and quality improvement activities. This position requires a Registered Nurse with a current license or permit from the State Board of Nursing, BSN preferred, 2 years experience in community health nursing, hospice experience preferred. Also required is a working knowledge of home medical equipment, well-developed communication skills, and previous management experience is a must. On-call responsibilities.

Send resume attn: Brenda Lake, by fax 989-348-0047 or for more information call 1-800-424-1457 or 989-348-0044

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4. Services Offered

LOG SPLITTER FOR RENT \$50. Also, rototiller for rent or we can rototill you garden. 348-9233. (6/1/06t/4)

SEAMS LIKE HOME Get your patches and name tags sewn on your uniforms. Any kind of uniform. Military, VFW, Fire Dept., Police Dept. Call 348-7220. Hours: M - W, 5 pm to 9 pm. Fri., 9 am to 5 pm. Take a chance Saturday. (LR8/03/06/4)

AVAILABLE FOR BABY SIT-TING Mon. - Fri., own transportation, days only. Call Amber Palmer, 348-8312. (-29/4)

5. For Sale

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

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AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03t/5)

CUSTOM SIGNS & LETTER-ING for your business, truck or trailer. Banners, magnetics, yard signs. Call Pete Kocenas at 989-348-8627. (4/20/06t/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warran Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR8/31/06/5)

8. Announcements

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5. For Sale

AUCTION July 1, 10 am, Mio. Rittenhouse, Habitant & Palecek furniture, Ken Bruning, Oscar Peterson, Bud Stewart, Flyod Bruce & other fish spearing decoys and vintage lures, Marble Arms, fish creels, bear trap and other sportsman. Framed art, round oak Doe-Wah-Jack advertising items, Steuben, Bradley & Hubbard, VanBriggle lighting, glassware, US 1864 26" cannon, 1989 Chrysler Maserati TC & much more. View detailed pictures online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company. (989) 848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-29/5)

1995 ROCKWOOD pop-up camper, sleeps 6, excellent condition. \$2,000/OBO. 348-7850. (-29/5)

1982 14' ALUMINUM STAR-CRAFT and trailer, with electric motor, \$700. 8' x 20' deck, \$200. Patio stones, 2 x 2 and 16 x 16, \$2 each. Amigo, with lift and new batteries, excellent condition, \$850. 1/2 horse well pump and tank, \$150. 989-348-6081. (-29/5)

SWIM RAFT Have fun in the sun. 8 foot, excellent condition, buoy and ladder included. Bear Lake area. 231-258-4588. (-22-29sgt/5)

P & C APPLIANCE SERVICE has several nice refrigerators, \$50 - \$250. 348-0167. (-29/5)

HOT POINT LARGE CAPAC-ITY 3-cycle dryer, propane gas, never used, \$85. Pick up cap, cab-Hi. short box, ext. cab, metallic pewter, \$350. 348-8783. (-22-29/5)

PARKING LOT AUCTION July 3, 10 am, Mio. Sellers call and reserve your spot now. Buyers, anything's possible. Lets Talk Auction. 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-29/5)

2000 SALEM 5th WHEEL 24', slide out, oak cabinets, hitch for trailer, air, awning, very good condition. Asking \$9,900. 344-2296. (-29/5)

BOW FLEX excellent condition, \$600. Call anytime, 348-6400 or 348-6021. (-29-6sgt/5)

LARGE VIKING POP UP camper excellent condition, sleeps 8. Reasonable, loaded. Call 989-344-2742. (-29/5)

FORD 9N- LOADER/BACK BLADE runs good \$2,850. Leave message 989-390-2611. (-29/5)

8. Announcements**5. For Sale**

ALASKAN AND SIBERIAN HUSKY puppies \$100 - \$300 989-348-1969. (-29-6/5)

ANTIQUES STEPBACK cupboard, several tables, chairs and more. 989-275-5332. 16 foot canoe, paddles and cushions, 9 bushel compost tumbler. (-29/5)

15 1/2 FOOT DECK BOAT 50 hp motor out board \$600 or best offer. 348-4539. (-29/5)

AKC CKC MINI DACHS-HUNDS ready July 9. Call 348-5768 or 231-624-0542. (-29-6/5)

FREE 5th WHEEL if you take roof off to move. Also, dune buggy, \$1,000/OBO. 989-390-6603. (-29/5)

FOR SALE Brand new Home Spirit Treadmill, \$1,500. Hardbodyz Sports Club. Call today 348-7199. (-29/5)

UTILITY TRAILER dual axle, 14'x5'x4', removable bars on top for canvas cover. Located at about 1450 Eagle Point Road. Make offer. Owner John, (989) 348-5745, Grayling. (-29/5)

FIREWOOD beech, maple, u-cut, u-haul, \$25/cord. Easy access. 5689 Co. Rd. 612, west at May Lake, Frederic. (-29/5)

BLACK FIBERGLASS TRUCK TOP \$400/OBO. 231-313-4761. (-29-6/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHI-CLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05t/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse or Habitant cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06t/6)

WANTED 18 - 24 ft. Travel Trailer, 1990 or newer. 989-948-1989. (3/3/06t/6)

WANTED Load equalizer hitch for travel trailer. 989-948-1989. (03/2/06t/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOST BLACK COCKER SPANIEL Billman and Federal Highway. Reward. 1-734-751-0126. (LR7/13/06/7)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

8. Announcements**7. Miscellaneous**

REWARD FOR RETURN of items stolen from cars at 777 Robinhood Lane during the early am, Sunday. Kodak Easyshare Z760 digital camera, 6.1 mega with 512 mb photo card. Audiovok camera phone, silver with blue front and double pack battery. Leatherman Tool in black nylon case. Navy pocket New Testament. Clinique water-melon wedge makeup bag with assorted items. Call 348-2588. (-29/7)

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PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, July 6, from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person. (-29/8)

GIDDY UP HORSE CAMP at Hawk Hill Farm. Dates: July 11,12,13. July 18,19,20. August 15,16,17. August 22,23,24. Call Geri at 348-9233 or 989-915-1193. (6/22/06t/8)

HAVING TROUBLE talking to your teen? Family counseling. GRACE Center. 989-348-2544. (5/25/06t/8)

FABRICS & MORE invites you to design and make your own summer tees and capris using easy to construct Kwik-Sew patterns and our wide variety of knits, silks and cottons. Purse, apron, table runners and other patterns are also available. Located next to Rochettes IGA. 344-0986. (-29/8)

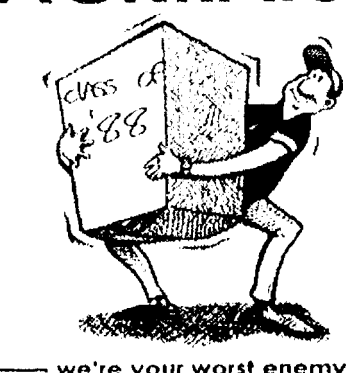
9. Personals

CONGRATULATIONS "YOUNG'NS" on your win. (-29/9)

Lordy, Lordy Look Who's Turning 40!

Happy Birthday Tom From Tina Forever

Granddaughter of Dan Canfield, Bethany Kalynn Jacobson, received her first haircut on May 13 and donated 21 inches of hair to the Locks of Love. Bethany, 6, is a first grader at Woodland Elementary School in Iron Mountain.

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The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Wednesday, July 5th.

Early deadlines will apply for the July 6th issue:

Display Ads...

Thurs., June 29th • 5 pm

Letters to the Editor...

Thurs., June 29th • noon

Classified Display...

Fri., June 30th • noon

Classified Word...

Mon., July 3rd • noon

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Sun. & Mon., July 2 & 3. Something for everyone. 72 East to Eagle Point Rd., to Spinnaker, turn right. 9534 Spinnaker. 9 - 5. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Thurs., June 29 thru Sat., July 1, 9 - 5. Ceramic bisque, Doughboy, Bud mugs, bowl and pitchers, Christmas, beanies, VHS tapes, much misc. M-72 East 8 miles to 2493 S. Horseshoe, N. side. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Sat., July 1, 2006, 10 am to 4 pm. 908 W. North Down River Rd. Corner of W. North Down and Erie. (-29/10)

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Sat. & Sun., July 1 & 2, 8:30 - 4. Fiesta and Currier & Ives dinnerware, glassware, Fenton, collectibles (some vintage), coke stuff, china hutch, small cabinet, 14K gold jewelry and other jewelry, Technics stereo system, vintage table lamps, tied flies, pictures, and much more. Ole Dam Rd., last house on right before stop sign at Nottingham. (-29/10)

10. Garage Sales

SATURDAY JULY 1 9-5. Quality household items, 4x8 utility trailer enclosed, gas dryer, microwave, clothing. M-72 West to Danish Landing Road follow signs. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE June 29, 30, July 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 7522 Merrio Road, exit 251, turn left go to Old 27, turn right go one mile to 5 Mile (Holiday Inn & Big Boy sign), turn left go 1.7 of a mile to Merrio turn right. If you go to the railroad track you went too far. (-29/10)

LARGE GARAGE SALE corner of Erie and Michigan Avenue. Material, baby clothes, kids books, tv's and lots of miscellaneous items. Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9-5. Great prices. (-29/10)

BIG GARAGE SALE this weekend July 1 and 2 all day. 1757 Thendara Road. (-29/10)

THURS., FRI., SAT. Household goods, 2 used saddles, 2 horse trailers, T.W.H. Gelding. 6700 King Rd., Grayling. West of I-75 on 4 Mile, south on King Rd. (-29/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Thursday-Saturday 9-5. Children's clothing and life vests, booster seat, 8 man tent, air mattress, Nerf bars for 2004 or newer Ford F-150, VCRs, toys, books movies. Stephan Bridge Road, 1 block north of M-72 East. (-29/10)

ONE DAY ONLY Sat., 7/1, 8-4:30, 202 N. Park Drive, off North Down River Rd. Hedge trimmer, snow blower, old bench grinder, household items, antique highchair and children's toys, adult and tots clothing all in excellent condition, electric roaster, lots of misc. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Fri., Sat., Sun., 10 - 4. Household items, gold rings, 2 men's/one woman's, Clamshell 2 fishing shanty, trailer hitch for S-10 ZR2 truck, much more. 106 Ogema St. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Tools, new Ariens snow thrower, household items, bedroom set, automotive, chain saws, 2 wood stoves, lots of misc. July 1, 2, 3, 9 am - 5 pm, 8349 Kingsley Lane. M-72 West to Danish Landing, south 1/8 mile to Kingsley Lane. (-29/10)

10. Garage Sales

JULIE CALKINS ANNUAL Sample Sale. Sat., July 1, 9 am. 1310 Little John Ave. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Fri. - Sat., 8:30 - 4:30. Van Nuck annual sale. Household, knick knacks, Christmas decor, wicker furniture, chairs, bedding, clothing, movies, lots of misc. Take Roberts Rd. (across from Michigan Ave.) go 2 miles to 4760 Molly Lane, end of lane. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE Sat. 1, Sun. 2, from 9 - 4. Left off Ole Dam Rd. to 6803 Nottingham. (-29/10)

MOVING SALE June 30, July 1 & 2. Two family moving sale. Everything must go. Swing set, toys, clothes for everyone, dresser, and items from the husband's garage, computer stand, kitchen items, and misc. things. Make an offer, no reasonable offer refused. 708 Ionia St., 9 am to 5 pm. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE 401 Alexia Lane, Mobile Estates. Fri., Sat., Sun., 9 am. Everything must go. (-29/10)

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10. Garage Sales

BIG SALE plus sized clothes, DVD's, movies, household misc., like new baby stuff, clothes 3 - 24 months, Pack-&-Play, etc. Sat., 10 - 3, Sun., 10 - 1. 6691 Nottingham. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE/BAKE SALE Proceeds going towards a new swing set for Heather's Day Care. Lamps, TV, tables, strollers, bassinets, girls, boys, women's clothes, nick nacks, character stuffed animals, microwave, toaster oven, prom dresses, winter coats, dresser and more. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9 - 4. 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop. (-29/10)

GARAGE SALE 509 Rose Street. Fri. & Sat., June 30 and July 1. (-29/10)

POSTAL PALS Relay for Life garage sale. July 1, Saturday, 9 - 4. July 2, Sunday, 9 - 12. 398 Isenhauser Rd. (-29/10)

BIG SALE: FLATS \$8.99 Mon. thru Sat., 10 to 6. Open Sunday and 4th of July, 10 to 3. Flower and veggie flats, \$8.99. All other plants on sale, perennials too. Nature's Nook, 9 miles west of Grayling on M-72. (-29/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE 1747 Ginger Quill. 72 East, left on Wakeley, 1/3 mile to Ginger Quill, turn left, second house on right. Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., Tue, 10 - 5. (-29/10)

11. Automotive

2000 F-550 DIESEL 4x4, under 60,000 miles, 12 x 8 flat bed, \$17,000. 348-5230. (-29-6-13/11)

CAR DETAILING: Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle, inside & out! 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

1993 FORD CONVERSION VAN runs great, high miles, \$1,300/OBO. 348-4313, please leave a message. (6/8/06tf/11)

1995 DODGE NEON one owner \$1500, 989-390-4767 or 989-745-3019. (-29/11)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

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This photo portrays the Grayling depot in the late 1800s. Note that the building is twice the size it is today. The right half was torn down in 1939. (Story, Page 10)

HARTWICK PINES



Taken in 1935, this photo proves that people were as enamored with Hartwick Pines 70 years ago as they are today. In total, the area has a history that spans over 10,000 years. (Story, Page 2)

MAJOR HARTWICK



Major Edward Hartwick is best known in Grayling for his role in the logging industry, but he had a long and decorated military career, including serving in World War I. (Story, Page 8)

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Hartwick Pines: A legacy 10,000 years in the making

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Hartwick Pines is one of Crawford County's most impressive and most famous features. People come from all over the state and from across the country to see one of Michigan's last stands of virgin pines.

Nonetheless, for those who have spent their entire lives living within miles of the park, it is understandably easy to forget why the place is so special.

Ice Age Beginnings

The park wouldn't be here today if it were not for a very specific set of historical circumstances, starting with certain geological conditions and culminating with years of service and dedication from the state park service and countless volunteers.

In fact, the park has so much history that organizers annually host exploratory events which detail the area's 19th century logging past. A novel could be written about this era alone, but the real story of the park begins much earlier, during the Ice Age.

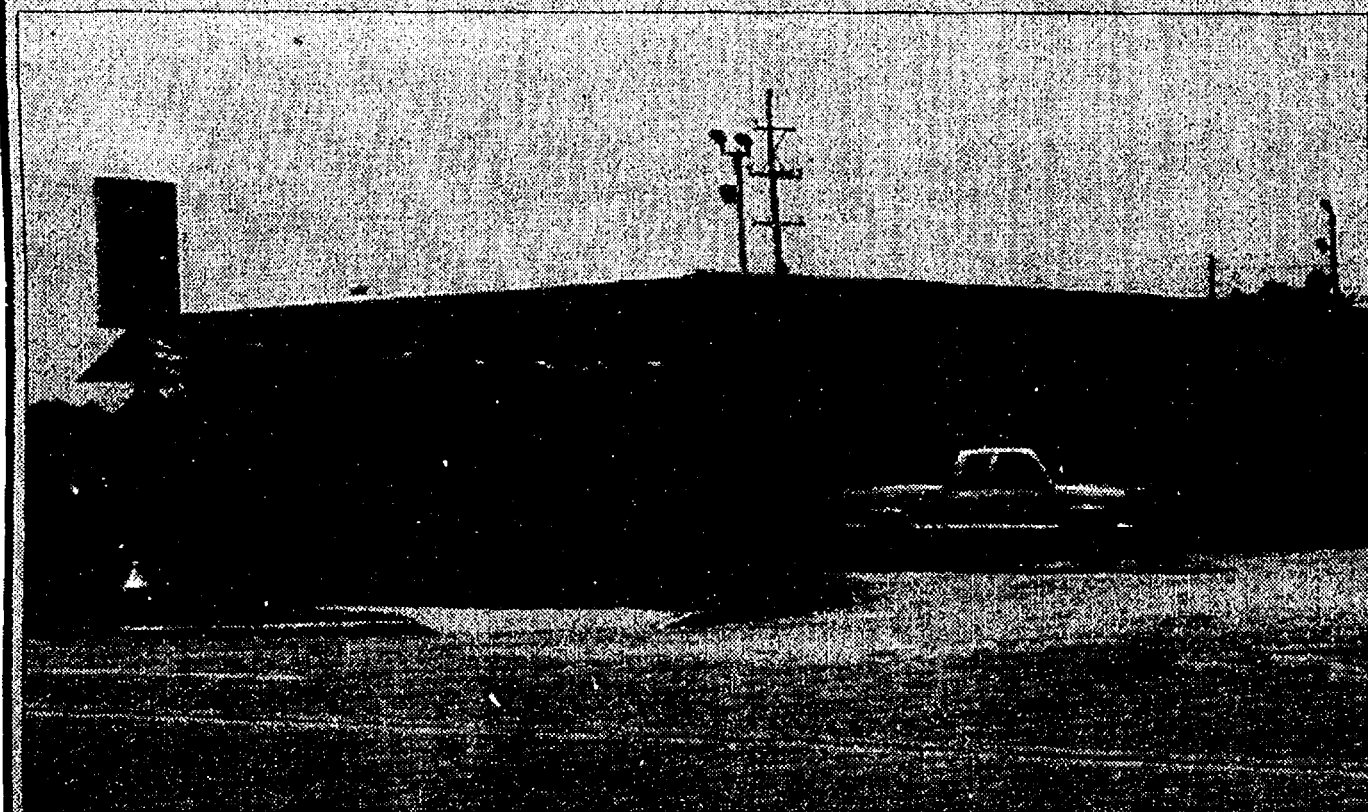
During this ancient era, which is technically known as the Pleistocene Epoch, the surface of Michigan was shaped by a series of glacial advances. The most recent of these glacier movements, called the Wisconsin Glacial Advance, is estimated to have made its

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The Hartwick Pines memorial building was completed in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. A dedication ceremony was held to celebrate its opening. In the 1990s, the building was closed to the public in response to maintenance and accessibility concerns. The Friends of Hartwick Pines group is currently working with the state to determine whether the restoration and reopening of the building is feasible.

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way over the surface of Michigan approximately 10,000 years ago.

The glaciers wiped the surface of the state clean, which led to the development of new plant life in the area after the ice age subsided.

Mosses and lichens created the soil conditions necessary for more complex vegetation to develop in the area. With time, the land was able to support the large hardwood trees that eventually came to dominate the area.

Thus, the forest that is now Hartwick Pines emerged, and remained mostly untouched for thousands of years.

Logging Era

All this changed in 1852, when the Saint Mary's Falls and Ship Canal Company acquired 750,000 acres of land in Northern Michigan, including the Hartwick Pines area. The Salling Hanson Company of Grayling purchased much of this acreage in Crawford County in 1893, during the peak of a logging boom that was sweeping Michigan and the rest of the country.

Thus sparked the beginning of the logging era in Grayling. In those days, "conservation" was an alien term to major industry. Logging companies clear cut the area with abandon, feeling that lumber was an unlimited resource. The soil was not cared for and trees were not replanted. Even the rivers were hurt by poor logging practices, leading to the now infamous extinction of the grayling fish from local rivers.

Narrowly Spared

Yet an 86 acre virgin stand of old growth pine, today called Hartwick Pines, was spared from the destruction. Today, no one is fully certain why this



Hartwick Pines looks much the same today as it did hundreds of years ago, with tall groves of virgin pines. Many of the trees in the park are over 350 years old.

grove of land was not tapped, especially since the rest of the area was completely logged. Several theories have been formulated.

In 1924, a researcher from the Lake

States Forest Experiment Station, A. E. Wackerman, hypothesized that a tornado had leveled the Hartwick Pines area between 1740 and 1759.

This tornado theory is based on the fact

that all the trees in the area are very close to the same age and there is an abundance of mounds of decomposed trees in the park. When the pines started to re-grow,

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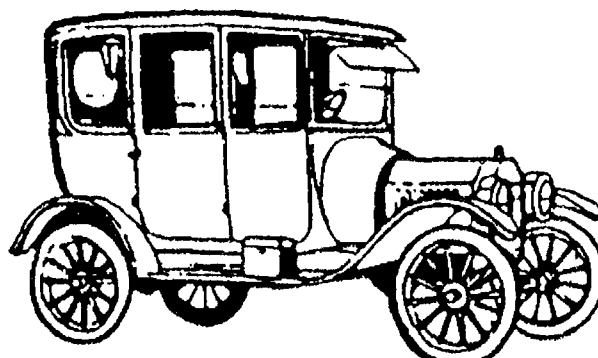
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they were deemed too small by the logging companies to be cut.

Even though some of the trees 160 feet tall with a trunk up to four feet in diameter, the older trees in the surrounding area were much larger, with some possessing trunk diameters of up to six feet. This would have made the Hartwick grove a low priority for logging companies.

There is a major flaw in this theory, however. It assumes that the trees in the area are less than 270 years old, yet many of the trees in the area have been conclusively determined to be close to 100 years older than that.

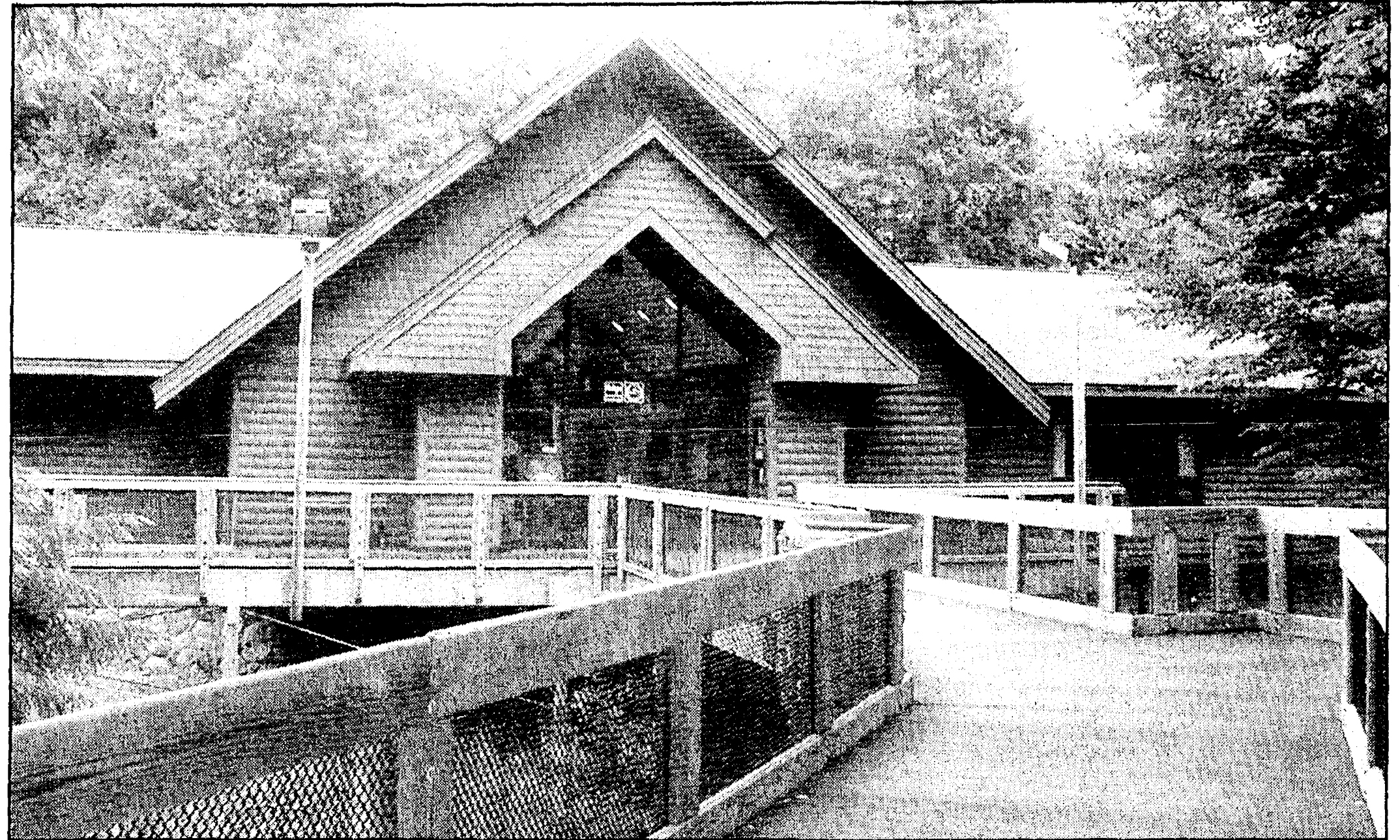
Today, the dominant theory is that economic factors were responsible for the preservation of the forest. There was a nationwide depression in 1893, forcing the massive flow of logging operations in Crawford County to reduce to a trickle.

Although there was a small logging camp operating less than two miles away from the old growth forest, it was untouched during this period.

By the time the economy stabilized, the logging companies resumed most major operations, but it is theorized that the Hartwick Pines area was deemed too small to be worth the effort to log until larger growths had been expended. It was slated to be cut only when the need arose. Consequentially, it was narrowly spared until a growing conservation movement helped to permanently secure the area's future.

Conservation in Action

It was the conservation movement that led to the ultimate formation of Hartwick Pines State Park. In the 1920s, the land came to be in the possession of an Ann Arbor resident named Karen B.



The Hartwick Pines Visitor's Center was completed in 1994, and was opened to the public over a year later. An exhibit inside includes interactive exploratory programs which details various facets relating to the park and the logging industry in Crawford County.

Hartwick, the widowed wife of Edward E. Hartwick, deceased owner of the Hartwick Lumber Company.

Karen Hartwick sympathized with growing concern that industry was destroying the natural treasures of the state. On October 3, 1927, she donated a large block of land to the state for the purpose of establishing a public park dedicated to her late husband's memory. The following reasons for the donation were included in a pamphlet that was

passed out to guests during the July 19, 1935 dedication ceremony:

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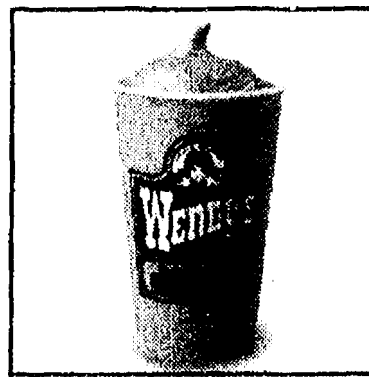
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the state."

The donation of the virgin stand for the purpose of making a park made news throughout the state. In its October 30, 1927 edition, Albert Stoll of the Detroit News exclaimed, "The battle to save the pines is won!"

Building Upon a Legacy

Until this date, the area had come to be known as Hansen Pines. At this time, it was officially named the "Edward E. Hartwick Pines Park." Today, the park is more commonly called simply "Hartwick Pines."

Approximately six months after the dedication, the park was open to the public. A memorial building was constructed the following year in 1929.

Disaster struck in the 1940s, when a tornado leveled nearly half of the old growth forest. Today less than 60 acres remain of the virgin pines. Park officials considered this loss to be utterly devastating.

Nonetheless, in the following decades, Hartwick Pines attracted hundreds of visitors monthly from across the country.

In 1968, the Friends of Hartwick Pines group was formed to look after the interests of the park. They regularly raise funds for special projects and host events at Hartwick Pines.

In the 1990s, a sophisticated new visitor's center was constructed, featuring exhibits and interactive programs which guide guests on their exploration of the park and teach the latest scientific concepts in the practice of forest conservation.

Today, Hartwick Pines is as popular as

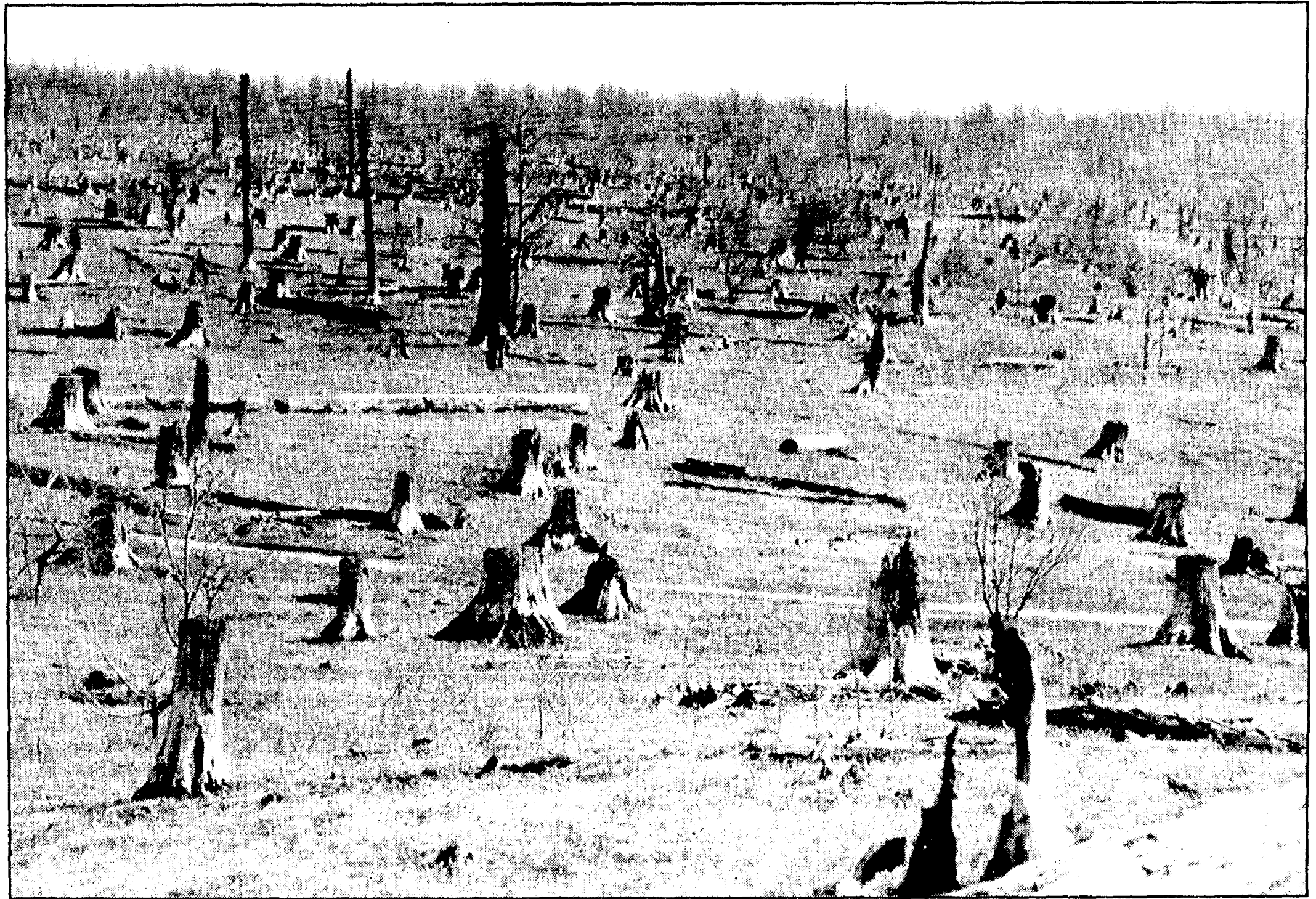


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If not for the conservation efforts of Karen B. Hartwick, Hartwick Pines State Park might have looked like this instead. This photo, which appears to have been taken prior to 1930, illustrates the devastation caused by logging activities in Crawford County.

ever, especially now that a bicycle path from the city of Grayling has been connected to the park. Events are regularly held which explore the rich history of the area. Clearly, the park is set to be a place of peace and solitude for guests in decades to come.

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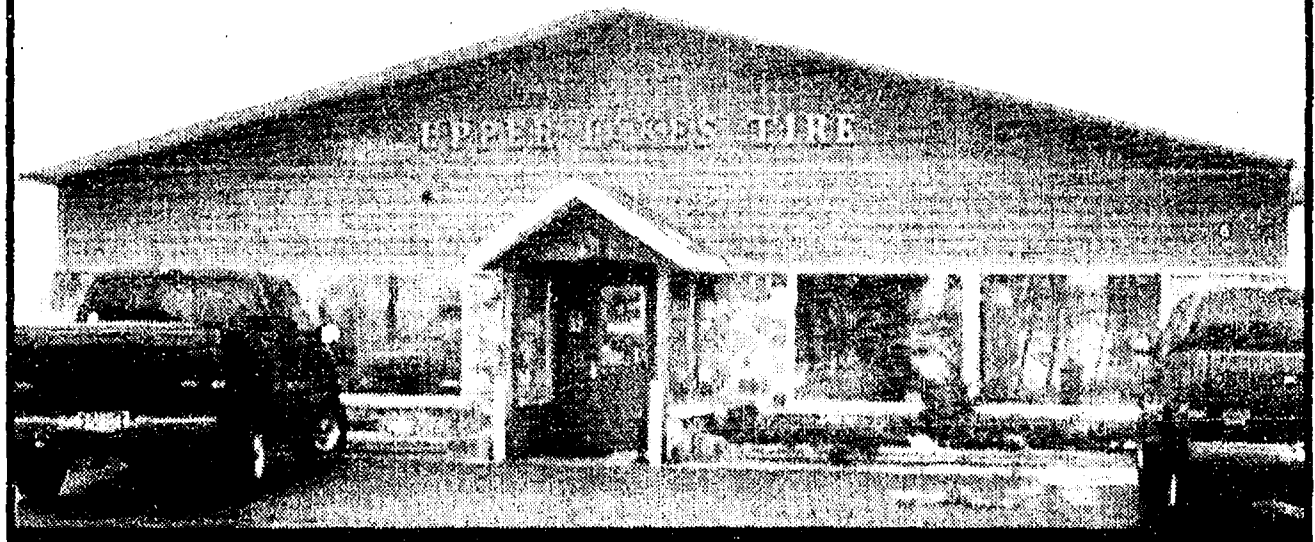
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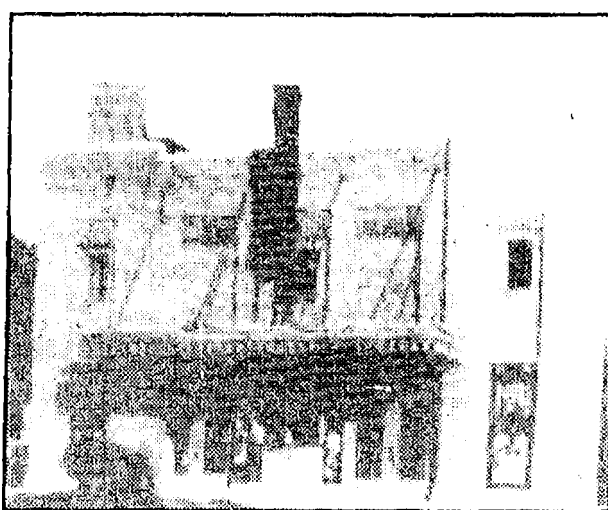
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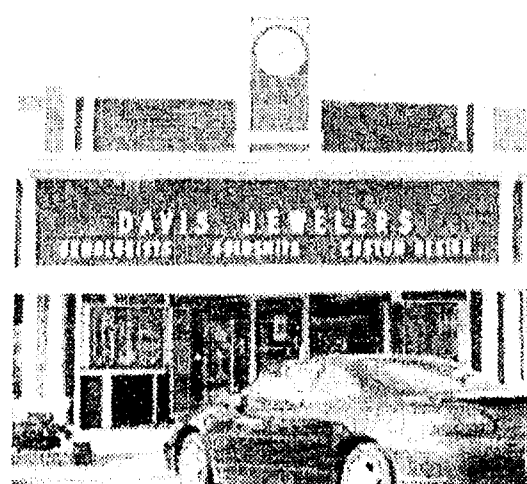
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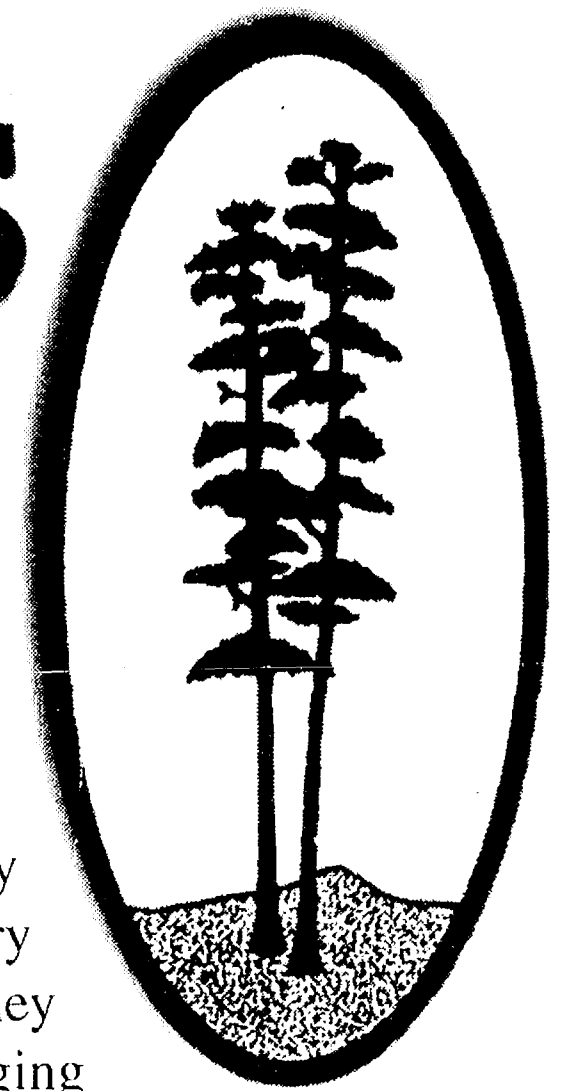
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History of the Friends of Hartwick Pines State Park

The Natural History Association was formed in 1968, by a group dedicated to the education of the logging history of Michigan and the natural history of the park. They gathered artifacts for the completion of the logging museum buildings. In 1988 the name changed to The Friends of Hartwick Pines, an all volunteer non profit organization which has grown to over 120 members in 2005. Their efforts, through fund raising, memberships, donations and bookstore profits have helped with the following over the many years.

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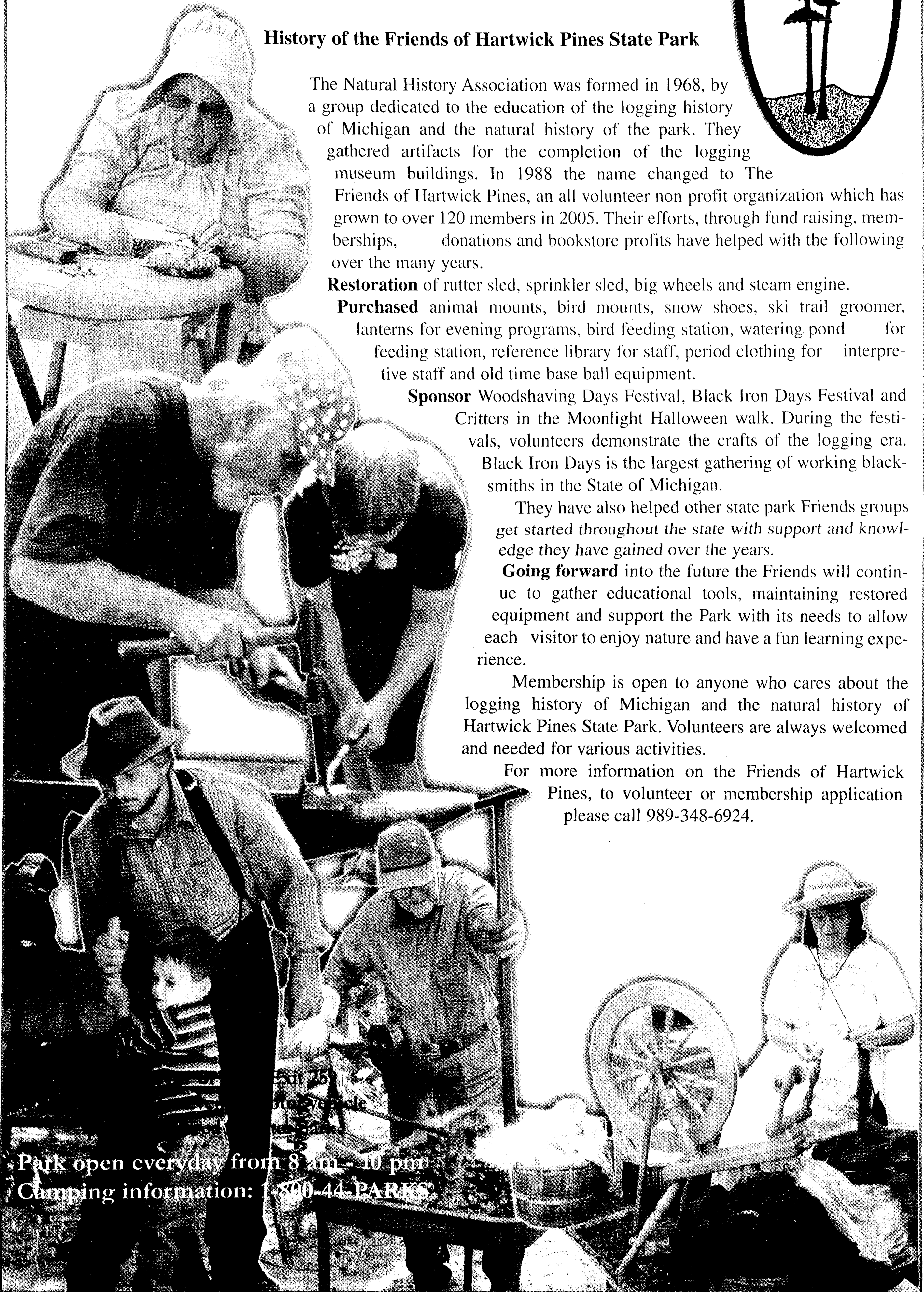
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Membership is open to anyone who cares about the logging history of Michigan and the natural history of Hartwick Pines State Park. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed for various activities.

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Edward Edgar Hartwick was born at St. Louis, Michigan, September 6, 1871, one of the three children of Michael Shoat and Jane Augusta (Obear) Hartwick. His direct paternal progenitor was John Burt Hartwick who came to America in 1764.

In the maternal line he was descended from Barnabas Horton who landed at Hampton, Massachusetts, from the ship Swallow, between 1633 and 1638.

Edward E. Hartwick received his education in the common schools of Grayling, Michigan, and graduated from the local high school in 1888. Military affairs had evidently concerned him during his high school days, for his commencement oration was entitled, "The

Cost of Military Glory."

On September 1, 1889, Edward E. Hartwick was entered as a cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating on June 12, 1893.

His first military appointment was as second lieutenant in the 3rd Cavalry. He was transferred to the 4th Cavalry on July 26, and on the 5th of August was assigned to the 9th U.S. Cavalry with which organization he remained throughout this period of army service.

In September, 1893, Lieutenant Hartwick was sent to his command at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. In 1895 he served with the 9th in the Bannock campaign in Idaho and Wyoming, and in the Jackson Hole country, as second lieutenant of E Troop as a squadron adjutant under Maj. Adna R. Chaffee.

From September, 1897, to April, 1898, Lieutenant Hartwick was a student officer at the infantry and cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. When the Spanish-American War opened, Lieutenant Hartwick was ordered to join the 9th at Chickamauga, Georgia, where he arrived on April 23.

In Cuba

In the subsequent Cuban campaign, Lieutenant Hartwick distinguished himself and received the highest official praise from his superior officers. He remained throughout the campaign as second lieutenant of H Troop and as acting regimental adjutant. From July 26 to August 13, 1898, he served as acting chief quartermaster of the Cavalry Division, 5th Army Corps, under Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

He was engaged with the fighting 9th in the charge up San Juan Hill and was

under fire on many other occasions.

It was during the melee at San Juan Hill that Lieutenant Hartwick first became acquainted with Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The 9th Cavalry left Cuba August 14, 1898, for Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, Long Island, where Lieutenant Hartwick remained until September, where he was transferred to Fort Huachuca, Arizona with the regiment. He was promoted May 1, 1899, to the rank of First Lieutenant.

On October 19, 1898, soon after the Lieutenant's return from the war, Edward E. Hartwick married Karen Bessie Michelson at Grayling, Michigan. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, namely: Edward Nelson, born at Jackson, Michigan, May 3, 1903; Robert Godfrey, born at Jackson, Michigan, May 5, 1906; and Edward Ernst, born at Detroit, Michigan, June 13, 1911, died December 10, 1912.

The young couple went immediately to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, for the few remaining months of Lieutenant Hartwick's army life.

A Business Man

After passing examinations for a captain's commission, Lieutenant Hartwick offered his resignation in order to enter the business field. It was accepted and took effect on August 31, 1899. After a belated honeymoon trip abroad he returned to Grayling, Michigan and became cashier in the Bank of Grayling.

Mr. Hartwick was thoroughly familiar with the lumber business from his boyhood days. He recognized its desirable features and its risks, but finally decided to buy the interest of T. Hanson in the

Hanson-Michelson Lumber Co. at Mason, Michigan, in 1900

In October, 1901, Mr. Hartwick moved to Jackson, Michigan, where he assisted in the organization of the Hartwick-Woodfield Company. Under his management the company prospered and Mr. Hartwick became active in several other companies.

In 1909 he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and established the Hartwick Lumber Company. He became a director in many companies, and was vice-president of the Gauranty Trust Company.

After the United States entered the World War in April, 1917, Mr. Hartwick endeavored to get into the army again. On September 6, 1917, he received his commission as a Major of Engineers in the officers' reserve corps and on the 11th was ordered to report to the commanding officer, Col. W. A. Mitchell, of the 20th Engineers at Camp American University near Washington, D.C.

The 20th Engineers were in training for forestry service. Its ranks were filled with foresters, woodsmen and sawmill workers. Major Hartwick was placed in command of the 1st Battalion at Camp American University and immediately entered upon the intensified training of men in his charge.

On November 12, 1917, Major Hartwick's battalion embarked on the transport Madawaska from New York City, debarking on the 28th at St. Nazaire, France. On December 18, Major Hartwick arrived at the town of Dax in southern France where, as he wrote, "We will begin work at once getting out logs, building camps, cutting out

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For many years, the agency operated from an office at 701 Maple St., adjacent to the Cornell home. In 1964 Paul Thomson, an area insurance claims adjuster, was hired. Another long time employee who joined Cornell in the 1950's was Ann Hanson, who remained with the firm until her retirement in the 1990's.

In 1972, Cornell Insurance and

Real Estate re-located to their now familiar location at the corner of M-72 and I-75 Business Loop. It was in that same year the insurance agency was purchased by Paul Thomson. Joyce Fox, another long-time fixture at Cornell joined in 1972 and stayed until retirement. Shortly thereafter, in 1974, George Stancil, a former high school teacher, became associated with the firm. As the business continued to expand,

Ron Thomson joined in 1984, followed by Linda Northrop in 1986.

Paul Thomson retired from active participation at the end of 2002, and the agency was purchased by George Stancil, Linda Northrop and Ron Thomson. In addition to the owners, the agency employs 6 other associates. it handles all lines of property, casualty, life and health insurance, as well as bonds. The agency represents top carriers such as Auto-Owners, Citizens, Progressive, Pioneer State Mutual and Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

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The story of Major Edward E. Hartwick

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limbs for fuel—even the twigs are saved here.”

His own writings contain voluminous evidence concerning his life at Dax. The solicitous attitude he maintained toward his men, his love of command, and his constant effort for their welfare, the numerous diversions he planned to occupy their time in such a manner as to protect

them in a strange country and to provide them healthful recreation are evident in nearly every letter he wrote.

The official army files contain many commendations of Major Hartwick's excellent officership during the months he spent at Dax.

Death in France

In the midst of the work he loved, Major Hartwick was summoned to join those

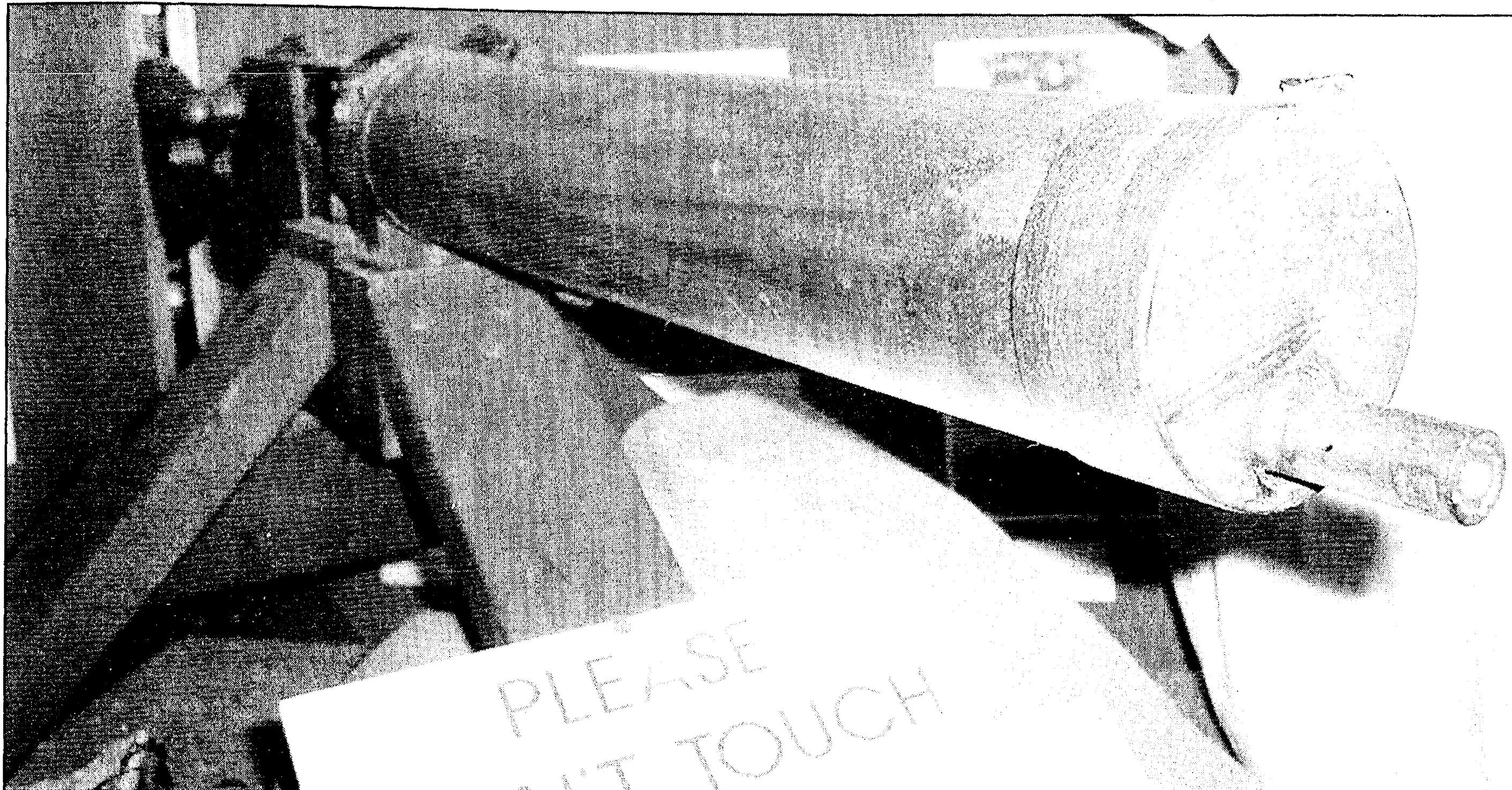
gallant thousands crossing the western sunset to their final glory.

His death at Dax, France on Sunday, March 31, 1918, brought genuine bereavement to his comrades in the services and to his friends and associates at home and irreparable loss to his own beloved family.

Major Hartwick was buried first, with full military honors, at Bordeaux, France, but at a later date his body was interred in

Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, beneath a fitting memorial monument, where it reposes today.

To perpetuate the memory of such a man, soldier and husband was the purpose of Mrs. Karen B. Hartwick in creating the Edward E. Hartwick Pines Park, and for this act the donor merits the gratitude and affection of every citizen on the State of Michigan.



This vintage German machine gun was the property of Edward Hartwick. He was deployed overseas during World War I and died before he could return from France. The gun is now on display at the Crawford County Historical Museum.



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Grayling Depot was center of activity in Crawford County

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Like many Northern Michigan communities, it was the railroad that really brought Crawford County to life. From the beginning of Grayling's existence, it was the lifeblood of every major industry in the area, including logging, hunting and tourism.

Accordingly, the Grayling railroad depot, which has since been converted into the Crawford County Historical Museum, has a history nearly as old as the county itself.

1800s: The Beginning

In December of 1872 the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw Railroad Company laid track to Crawford County and a freight house was built there for storage purposes.

A decade later, Grayling was founded, with a massive logging industry fueling economic growth.

In order to facilitate the large volume of traffic flowing in and out of the area, a brand new depot was built in 1882. This is the same depot that stands next to the County Building on Michigan Avenue today. Initially, it was twice the size of the depot that can still be visited today. The grandiose design included a regular depot area with waiting rooms and ticket booths as well as a hotel, restaurant, crew quarters and freight facilities.

The waiting rooms were segregated into separate areas for women and men.

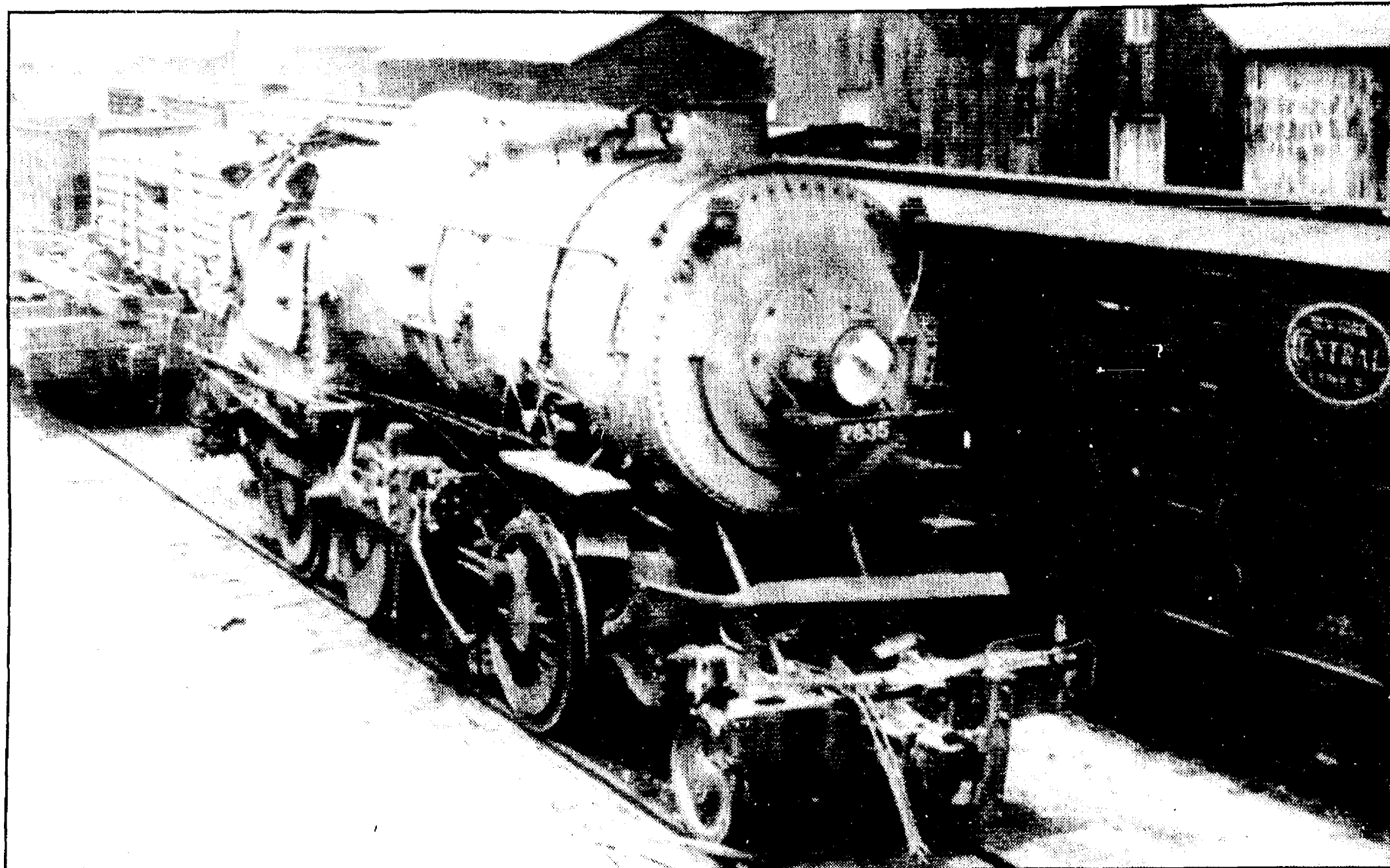


Photo courtesy of Jim Bond

A steam engine pulls into Crawford County in an undated photo. At one time, there was a roundhouse across from the depot, where the County Building is located today.

Also, at one time the depot housed the only telegraph in town, making the depot a very busy center of activity.

1930s: A Booming Community

The hotel and restaurant helped to

accommodate the throngs of people that poured into the area for Grayling's annual winter festival, which made the city a popular tourist destination in the 1930s.

Fay Bovee, who is a local historian and

has lived in Grayling all her life, estimates that, by the 1930s, three or four thousand people would take the train into town for the annual winter festival, which

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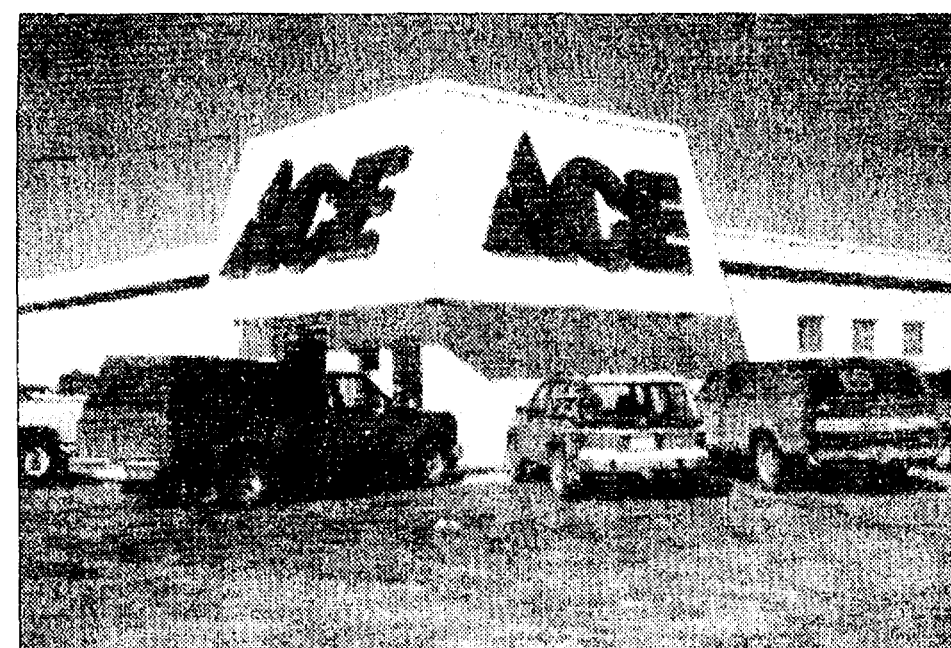
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took place only a few miles away from the depot.

"Some of them got off the train and never made it...they ended up in the bars and never made it into the winter sports park at all," said Bovee.

Popular drinking holes at the time included Spikes Keg 'O Nails and the bar that is today known as the Sawmill Tavern.

The popularity of the winter festival in the thirties saw the peak use of the depot. By the end of the decade, tourism in Grayling had started to cool down.

Consequently, the railroad company made the decision to tear down half of the depot in 1939, removing the restaurant and hotel. The business part of the depot and the crew quarters remained.

1940s: Almost up in Flames

In the mid-40s, disaster struck and the depot was nearly destroyed. In 1945, Grayling resident Jim Bond, who was 11 or 12 years old at the time, had a paper route that required him to stop by the depot.

"The morning train would deliver the paper and dump 'em by the depot," said Bond.

As Bond was walking between the railroad tracks and the depot building, he glanced inside the depot window. He saw that there was a fire burning inside the depot's potbelly furnace.

He also noticed that there was a fire burning behind the furnace and starting to come up the depot wall.

Bond rushed to the nearby Shoppenagon's Hotel. It was before 6 a.m. at the time, and the night man at the hotel was asleep. Bond woke the man, who immediately called the fire depart-

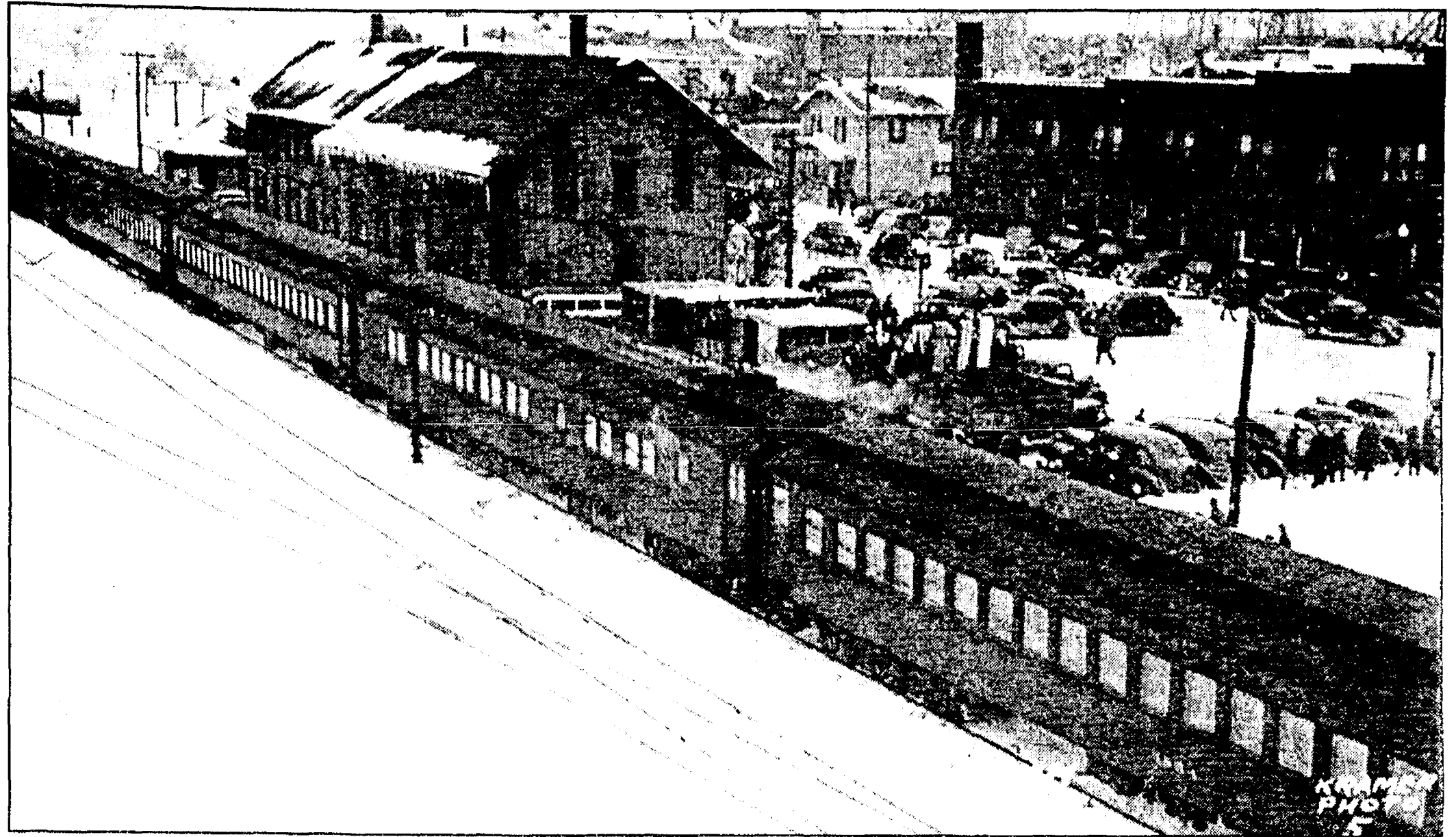


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

During the 1930s, people would come from all over the state to see the Grayling Winter Sports Park. Of course, the best way to get into town was to take the train to the Grayling depot. In this photo, the high level of activity at the depot during its era of peak use is evident.

ment. The fire was extinguished before it got out of control.

"If (the fire) had ever gotten ahold of the depot, it probably would have gotten the whole block," said Bond.

Bond received an accommodation from the city for his quick response.

1950s: Life on the Rails

Thus, the depot endured into the fifties, where it remained a busy hub of activity. In the early 50s, retired train conductor Irv McIsaac, who is presently a Grayling resident, was a young man working on

the railroad. He spent two years of his life living in the crew quarters in the depot's upstairs, paying 50 cents a night for the lodging.

"That was a busy place upstairs, really," said McIsaac.

The crew area included beds, showers, toilets and multiple kitchens. The facilities were all very old-fashioned, even at the time.

"The rooms didn't change, the beds didn't change at all," said McIsaac.

Nonetheless, McIsaac said the beds

were comfortable and that he never had to share a room.

"That was a busy place upstairs, really," said McIsaac.

Crews were constantly moving in and out. McIsaac and his coworkers could be shook awake at any time to work a railroad shift. He worked seven days a week.

"The trainmen, they weren't the best paid, but I would say they got a 15 dollar trip," said McIsaac. Members of the train crew were paid by the trip, so going on as

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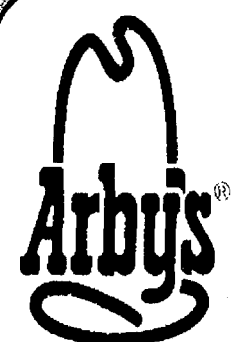


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many journeys as possible was the key to making money.

At the time McIsaac worked there, the passenger business was quickly diminishing, although Crawford County residents would occasionally take the train to local communities.

As the popularity of using trains for passenger transportation declined, the New York Central Railroad (as with banks, the name of the railroad company changed frequently due to mergers) started running passenger busses to nearby communities in place of trains.

"The passenger business wasn't that much," said McIsaac.

Thus, McIsaac and his co-workers were working primarily in the freight industry.

Mid-1950s-1970s: Decline and Closure

Business stayed steady for a while, but railroad funding problems led to the need to frequently downsize the operation. For example, the Grayling depot used to have two people running the station, but that role was condensed into a single "agent-operator."

At the same time, railroad workers such as McIsaac were being paid on the basis of a rather inefficient salary system. They received a day's pay every time they accompanied an engine on a trip. When they switched lines, they got another day's pay, since it was technically a different trip.

"For close to five years staff were getting two days' pay to go to Gaylord and back," said McIsaac.

In time, the railroad companies simply could not afford to continue operating

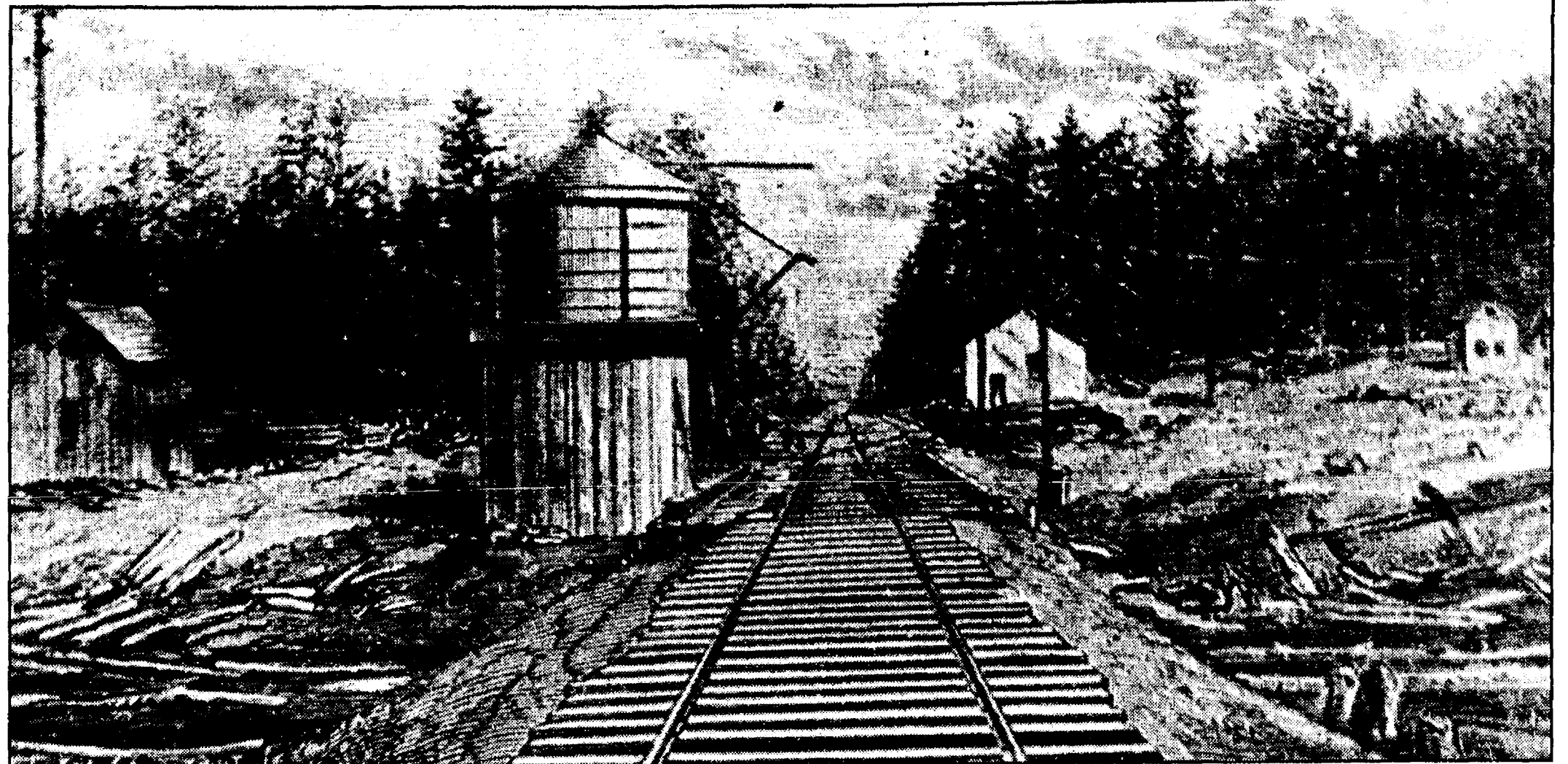


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

This photograph of Crawford County in 1875 shows the county just three years after the railroad was built. There was only a very small community here at the time, as the city of Grayling had not been officially established yet.

the depot. Although the exact date of its closing could not be ascertained for this story, McIsaac estimates that the depot closed for good in 1976.

1980s: The Crawford County Historical Museum

The facility lay unused until the Grayling Rotary Club began restoring the depot in the mid-1980s.

A committee of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, headed by Terry Wright, got the idea that the depot would make the ideal place for a historical museum. They asked the Crawford County Board of Commissioners if they wanted to make the move, and the decision was

approved.

The original Crawford County Museum had been established in 1972, having been built out of an old school house in the area that is now the Grayling city park. In 1985, that building was moved next to the depot and is now the Military Museum.

The first director of the new museum was Bob Ruddy of the Rotary Club. He held this position for 15 years, during which time he and a dedicated crew of volunteers pieced together the history of the county through a huge collection of displays, photo albums and archived articles.

Today: Rediscovering Roots

The depot museum is still open today. Last year, local organizers helped show the facility's roots by opening the depot for a special steam engine trip, with tickets available at the original ticket window. The event will be repeated this fall.

Museum staff are also always looking for ways to create new displays and expand old ones. One room in the upstairs is being renovated to recreate the crew quarters as they were when Irv McIsaac lived there in the 1950s.

In this way, the legacy of the Grayling depot lives on for future generations to enjoy.

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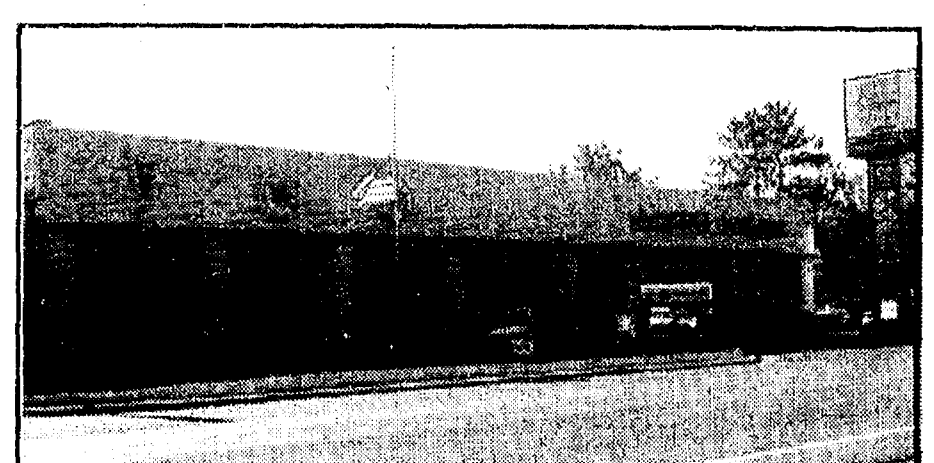
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